**Operation Barbarossa Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Operation Barbarossa Explained - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-barbarossa-reading/)

1. What was the codename for Nazi Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union during World War II?
2. On which date was Operation Barbarossa launched?
3. Why did Adolf Hitler delay the invasion of the Soviet Union?
4. How did the initial stages of the invasion go for the Nazis?
5. What major challenge were the Nazis unprepared for during the invasion?
6. What was the outcome of the Soviet counterattack?
7. When was the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact signed?
8. What were the terms of the Nazi-Soviet Pact regarding Poland?
9. Which countries did the Nazis agree not to interfere with as they were captured by the Soviets?
10. What were Hitler's motives for invading the Soviet Union?
11. What was the "Barbarossa Decree"?
12. Why was the invasion delayed from May 1941 to June 1941?
13. How many troops did Nazi Germany use to invade the Soviet Union?
14. Name the three German Army Groups and the areas they invaded.
15. Which major Soviet cities did the Nazis capture in the initial stages of the invasion?
16. What was the objective of Operation Typhoon?
17. How did the harsh Russian winter affect the German war effort?
18. When did the Soviet Union mount a counteroffensive against the Nazis at Moscow?
19. How many people died on both sides during the battle at Moscow?
20. By when were the Soviets able to push the Germans back into Germany?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why did Hitler’s invasion of Russia fail?*