**North Africa Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Why north Africa was vital in World War Two - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-north-africa-reading/)

1. Why was the northern region of the African continent of strategic importance during World War Two?
2. Which nation controlled parts of northern Africa at the beginning of the war?
3. Why was the Suez Canal significant?
4. When did Benito Mussolini declare war on Britain and France?
5. From which region did the Italian army launch an invasion of Egypt?
6. Where did the Italian forces stop their advance in Egypt?
7. Who was the British General that fought back the Italians in December 1940?
8. What was the outcome of the battle at El Agheila on the 7th of February 1941?
9. Who was put in command of the German Afrika Korps?
10. Why did the Germans have to pause their attack after advancing towards Egypt?
11. When did Rommel make his second attempt to reach Egypt?
12. Which city did the Afrika Korps capture after a short period of fighting between the 17th – 21st of June 1942?
13. Who was appointed as the new commander of the Egyptian forces in August 1942?
14. When did Montgomery launch the Second Battle of El Alamein?
15. What was the outcome of the Second Battle of El Alamein?
16. What was the codename for the Allied invasion in Morocco and Algeria?
17. Who commanded the US troops during Operation Torch?
18. When did the German and Italian troops surrender, ending the North African campaign?

**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 the Axis nations (Germany and Italy) lose the war in North Africa?*