**Mughal Empire Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[An overview of the Mughal Empire in India - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-mughal-empire-reading/)

1. When was the Mughal Empire founded and by whom?
2. At its peak, where did the Mughal Empire span from and to?
3. Who invited Babur to India and why?
4. How did Babur become the ruler of India?
5. What were some of the notable achievements during Babur's reign?
6. Who succeeded Babur and what challenges did he face?
7. What does the Persian phrase "Takht, ya takhta" mean?
8. Under which ruler did the Mughal Empire reach its height and when did he rule?
9. What were some of Akbar's significant contributions to the empire?
10. Who succeeded Akbar and what challenges did he face during his reign?
11. What was the purpose of the manasabdari system?
12. For whom did Shah Jahan commission the Taj Mahal and why?
13. What challenges marked Shah Jahan's reign?
14. How did Aurangzeb's policies differ from his predecessors?
15. What marked the beginning of the decline of the Mughal Empire?
16. Who signaled the end for the Mughals in the early 18th century?
17. How did the British East India Company gain control over India?
18. Who was the last Mughal ruler and how did his reign end?
19. What are some of the lasting legacies of the Mughal Empire?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the greatest achievements of the Mughal Empire?*