**Australian Light Horse in Palestine Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Australians in the Middle East during WWI - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-middle-east-reading/)

1. When did Turkish forces attack the Suez Canal?
2. Who led the Turkish forces?
3. Why was the Sinai front quiet for the remainder of 1915?
4. What event in late 1915 meant that troops were now freed up for use in the Sinai campaign?
5. What was the first operation that Australians were involved in?
6. What was the name of the Australian commander of the newly formed ANZAC mounted division?
7. When did the Battle of Beersheba take place?
8. What did the Australians need to capture before dark?
9. Who was ordered to charge the Turkish lines?
10. What were the Turkish trenches not protected by?
11. What were the casualties and captive figures of the battle?
12. What did the capture of Beersheba mean for the Turkish line and troops?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format:

*Why was the Battle of Beersheba such a* [*significant*](http://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/significance/) *historical event?*