**Jews in the Middle Ages Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[From temple ruins to Zion's dream: Jewish History from AD 70 to the 19th century - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/jews-middle-ages-reading/)

1. When did the diaspora of the Jewish people begin?
2. What event marked a significant turning point for the Jewish community in AD 70?
3. Where did Jewish communities establish themselves after being displaced from Jerusalem?
4. What role did Babylon play in the Jewish diaspora?
5. How did the destruction of the Second Temple impact the religious and cultural life of the Jewish people?
6. What is the Mishnah?
7. How did Rabbinic Judaism influence daily Jewish life?
8. What was the role of Jewish scholars in Al-Andalus during the early medieval period?
9. How were Jewish communities treated in Christian Europe during the medieval period?
10. What was the primary aim of the Crusades?
11. How were Jewish communities affected during the Crusades?
12. What significant change occurred for the Jews during the Age of Emancipation?
13. How did the Enlightenment influence the treatment of Jewish communities?
14. What are pogroms?
15. Why did many Jewish communities consider emigration in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?
16. Which country was a particular hotspot for anti-Semitic violence in the late 19th and early 20th centuries?
17. What event in Russia intensified feelings of vulnerability among Jewish communities in 1881?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did Rabbinic Judaism shape Jewish thought, practice, and daily life after the destruction of the Second Temple?*