**Allied Invasion of Sicily Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The dramatic Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943 and the downfall of Mussolini - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-10/yr-10-invasion-of-sicily-reading/)

1. When did Nazi Germany begin the war in Europe, and which country did they invade?
2. What significant military operation did Hitler launch in June 1941?
3. What was the strategic mistake made by Hitler in declaring war on the United States?
4. Describe the purpose of the Allied operation known as 'Mincemeat'.
5. What was the codename for the Allied invasion of Sicily?
6. On what date did the Allied forces begin the invasion of Sicily?
7. How many Allied troops were involved in the initial landing in Sicily?
8. Despite the Operation Mincemeat deception, were there still Axis forces on Sicily?
9. How long did the fighting in Sicily last?
10. What was the consequence for Mussolini after the Allied success in Sicily?
11. When did the new Italian government announce an armistice with the Allies?
12. What was one of the major challenges faced by the Allies during their advance into Italy after Sicily?
13. What drastic action did the Allies take at Monte Cassino due to stalled advances?
14. When did the Allies liberate Rome?
15. What happened to Mussolini after he was rescued from prison by German forces?

**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 the Allied invasion of Sicily contribute to the downfall of Mussolini's regime?*