**Medieval Knights Reading Worksheet**

Using the information in the web page below, answer the following questions:

[What were medieval knights? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-knights-reading/)

1. What was the primary role of knights in battle?
2. What kind of armor did Norman knights wear in the early medieval period?
3. What were the two types of swords knights commonly used?
4. What was the main weapon used by knights on horseback to pierce enemy armor?
5. How did the introduction of heavy plate armor change the role of knights in battle?
6. What tactic did the Norman knights use in the Battle of Hastings to defeat the Anglo-Saxons?
7. What were the three main virtues emphasized in the code of chivalry?
8. Who helped develop the code of chivalry?
9. What were jousting and tournaments primarily used for?
10. At what age could a young man become a page?
11. Why were knights sometimes sent on quests by their lords?
12. What did the Church think about knights becoming mercenaries?
13. What was the main purpose of the knighting ceremony?
14. What happened to the importance of knights during the 15th century?
15. Why were commoners usually excluded from becoming knights?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*What were the roles of a knight in the Middle Ages?*