**Ancient Sparta Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[The rise and fall of Ancient Sparta - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/ancient-history/anc-sparta-reading/)

1. Who was the mythical founder of Sparta?
2. During what century did Sparta conquer their neighbour, Messenia?
3. Who were the Helots?
4. What did Spartan citizens devote their time to?
5. What was the *agoge*?
6. How many kings ruled Sparta?
7. What was the *gerousia*?
8. What was the *ekklesia*?
9. What were the *ephors*?
10. Why did women have better social standing in Sparta compared to other Greek cities?
11. What famous Spartan was credited with reforming Spartan society in the 6th century BC?
12. What limitations were placed upon the helots?
13. What did the city of Sparta lack for most of its history?
14. What was the Peloponnesian League?
15. What did the members of this league have to give to Sparta?
16. Who did Sparta fight against in the Peloponnesian War?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*How did Sparta develop a society that focused heavily on war?*