

During our study of the founding of Rome and the Roman Republic, Rome was built on the seven hills by the Tiber River. In the late 600's, Rome was ruled by the Etruscan **KINGS**. This was replaced by the Roman **REPUBLIC**. The most influential part of the government was the **SENATE** who decided foreign policy and controlled public funds. The Magistrates were made up of **CONSULS, CENSORS** and **PRAETORS**. **CHECKS AND BALANCES** prevented one group from obtaining too much power. The third group was the **ASSEMBLY** who elected twelve **TRIBUNES**. The Conflict of Orders was a struggle between the wealthy, land owning **PATRICIANS** and the poor **PLEBIANS**. As a result of this conflict, a written set of laws called the **TWELVE TABLES** was established. Rome amassed a large citizen army, whose main division was called a **LEGION**. It contained 4,500 to 6,000 soldiers. As Rome expanded, it came into conflict with Carthage, called the **PUNIC** Wars. The result of these wars was that Rome controlled the entire Mediterranean area. The Republic started to change when military leaders such as **JULIUS CAESAR** took control of the government and claimed to be dictator.

### **THINK ABOUT: Did Pompey win the battle against Julius Caesar??**

Augustus Caesar, the first emperor, began the **PAX ROMANA** Era, which left many **legacies**. What do you remember about Diocletian and Constantine?

**Diocletian: Rule of 4/ split empire into two**

**Constantine: First Christian; moved capitol to Constantinople—Byzantium area**

The fall of the western empire, in **476** was political, economic, social, and military. Corrupt government, loss of patriotism, high inflation and taxes, and constant invaders are examples. The eastern empire remained strong. This was known as the **Byzantine Empire**. Its most famous ruler was **Justinian** who put a code of law in place.

**CEMENT** is an example of Roman technology.

**FRENCH, ITALIAN, SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, ROMAN** is a romance language.

What do you know about early Christianity?

- **Monotheistic, Jesus=Savior, spread quickly, Jewish community DID NOT convert,**

**CONSTANTINOPLE** was Constantine's capital city.

**ROMULUS AND REMUS** were the original founders of Rome.

**THE FORUM** was where the Senate met in the marketplace.

What do you know about Julius Caesar?

- **Governor of Gaul, Remade the calendar, defeated Pompey's Army, assassinated... USE SPEECH/NOTES TO STUDY FROM**

**FRANCE** is now known as Gaul.

**CAESAR, POMPEY, CRASSUS** made the First Triumvirate in 60 B.C.

**POMPEY** fled to Egypt after leading an army against Caesar.

What do you know about Octavian?

- **Took title Augustus, considered FIRST EMPEROR by historians**

**REVERED ONE** means Augustus

Which emperor am I?

**Last Western emperor = Romulus Augustus**

**Divided the empire into 2 parts = Diocletian**

**Who built fortifications around empire including a wall in England = HADRIAN**

**Who was the first emperor = Augustus Caesar**

**I was blamed for fire in Rome = NERO**

**I declared Christianity as Rome's religion = THEODOSIUS**

**I was the eastern emperor who preserved Roman law = JUSTINIAN**

**I expanded Rome to its largest area = TRAGAN**

**I was the last Good emperor who believed in Stoic philosophy = MARCUS AURELIUS**

**I changed the name of the new capital to Constantinople = CONSTANTINE**

### **ESSAY QUESTION TOPICS**

**Legacies and impact on America**

**Fall of Rome Causes and is America in the same trouble**

**Geography of Rome-how did it hurt/help Rome (with Specific geographic features NAMED!!)**

**BONUS: Cross the Rubicon... what was the deal with that?**