

Ancient Rome Study Guide

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Chapter 5 **Ancient Rome**
Lesson One **The Geography of the Italian Peninsula**

*The physical features of the Italian Peninsula

Who was Pliny the Elder? _____

What mountain did he see from his house? _____

What event did Pliny the Elder, his nephew and his sister all witness? _____

What did Pliny the Elder attempt to do? _____

What happened to Pliny the Elder in his efforts? _____

What did the volcano do to Pompeii? _____

How do the ruins of Pompeii help us today? _____

What country is this boot shaped Italian peninsula? _____

How many miles long is Italy? _____

How many miles wide is Italy? _____

What separates the Italian peninsula from the rest of Europe? _____

What are the second highest mountains in all of Europe? How high are they?

What countries can parts of the Alps be found in? _____

What did the Alps do for the Roman Empire? _____

What do the Alps offer people today? _____

What mountain range stretches from the top to bottom of Italy? _____

What well known place is to the west of the Apennine mountain range? _____

What are two of Italy's most important rivers? _____

What crops grow in Italy? _____

What is a Continental Climate? _____

What are the two largest islands off the coast of Italy? _____ and _____

Lesson Two: Roman Society and Culture

How Rome Became a Republic

Rome was established near what two bodies of water?

Who was the first of seven Latin kings to rule Rome? _____

Who were the Etruscans? _____

What did the Etruscans produce? _____

In 509 B.C., Latins rebelled against Etruscan rule. Define Rebel: _____

How long did the Roman Republic last? _____

Define the two classes of Roman Republic citizens.

Patricians: _____

Plebeians: _____

Who were the third social class of the Roman Republic not considered citizens? _____

What rights did these people have? _____

Who were the members of a family? _____

Which family member had absolute power? _____

What role did women play in the family and society? _____

Did religion play a large role in Roman life? _____
Who was the chief god and what did he control? _____

Name five or more Roman gods and goddesses and what they controlled.

Lesson Three The Development of the Roman Empire

What were the Gallic Invasions? _____

As a result of 4 wars with the Romans, what did the Gauls agree to do in 334 B.C.?

In 290 B.C. who did the Romans defeat and what was the result of this victory _____

The Romans gave Greek city states two choices, what were they and which did most choose? _____

What does alliance mean? _____

What did King Pyrrhus do and what was the result? _____

After gaining control of the Italian peninsula what did the Romans attempt to do? _____

Where was Carthage? _____
What ended the friendly relationship between Carthage and Rome? _____

From 264 B.C. until 146 B.C. a series of wars took place between _____ and _____ called the _____.

Who were the Phoenicians? _____

Rome won the first Punic war. This gave Rome control of _____

Carthage conquered the land now called _____

The second Punic war had _____ for general of _____

What were Hannibal's "Walking Tanks"? _____

In 202 B.C. who won the second Punic War? _____

In 146 B.C. what was the result of the third Punic War? _____

The Roman Republic became an empire spreading throughout the Mediterranean lands in

_____, _____ and _____

Who were the leaders of each of the different provinces in the Roman Empire? _____

What were the governor's specific duties? _____

How did the growth of power affect the Romans? _____

Who led the slave rebellion and in what years did they take place? _____

What is a gladiator? _____

What was the fate of Spartacus? _____

What is crucifixion? _____

Define senate: _____

As Rome's empire grew who could be part of the senate? _____

What happened as a result of continued disagreements between Patricians and Plebeians as the empire grew? _____

What is a dictator? _____

Who was Julius Caesar? _____

Name 5 good things Caesar did for Rome? _____

What month is named after Julius Caesar? _____

Why did the Patricians plan an assassination of Caesar? _____

What is an assassination? _____

Was Caesar assassinated? _____ Why do you think this happened? _____

Who was Octavian? _____

What title was he given? _____

Who was his biggest enemy? _____

Explain the Battle of Actium. _____

What is an emperor? _____

Who was given the title Augustus and what does it mean? _____

How long did Augustus rule? _____

What was the Augustan age characterized by? _____

What was the Pax Romana? _____

In the year 192 what caused the Roman Empire to weaken? _____

What happened as a result of that weakening? _____

At the time of the weakening what saved Rome from a complete breakdown? _____

Who was Diocletian? _____

Who was Constantine? _____

What city did Constantine build and explain the significance it had? _____

What happened after Constantine's death in 337? _____

Compare and contrast the east to the west after Constantine's death. _____

By the year 180 where did most people of the civilized Mediterranean world live? _____

What happened within 300 years? _____

What are barbarians? _____

What were the Barbarian invasions? _____

List five reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire.

Which, do you think, was the most significant reason for the fall of the Roman Empire?
Why? _____

Lesson Four The Rise and Spread of Christianity

Where does the name for the Christian religion come from? _____

Who is the founder of Christianity? _____

What are disciples? _____

What is the Gospel or "Good News"? _____

Where did Jesus teach? _____

What is a parable? _____

Who did Jesus claim to be? _____

What did Pontius Pilate do to Jesus and why? _____

What did the Gospels state happened next? _____

Why was it dangerous to be a Christian during the Roman Empire? _____

During the 300 years after Jesus, why were Christians persecuted? _____

What does persecute mean? _____

What is the story of Paul of Tarsus? _____

How did Paul keep in touch with his followers? _____

What eventually happened to the prejudice against Christians? _____

Why was the message of Christianity welcomed by many? _____

What did the Roman emperor Constantine do? _____

_____Why? _____

Lesson Five

The Heritage of the Roman Culture

How major achievements from Roman Culture influence us.

Roman culture was influenced by whom? _____

What are some Roman ideas about law and government that affect us today? _____

What vocabulary dealing with government comes from the Latin language of ancient Rome? _____

Have some of the Roman laws outlasted the Roman Empire? _____

Name one. _____

What is the Roman alphabet? Is it something we will ever use? _____

What are romance languages? _____

How is our language related to the romance languages? _____

What is the Golden Age? _____

What did Cicero contribute to history? _____

Name two great poets and tell what they wrote. _____

What happened to Roman literature as Roman greatness and virtues declined? _____

What is left of the Roman Empire architecture? _____

What does this tell us about the building abilities of the Romans? _____

What is the Pantheon and how does it influence us today? _____

What is the Appian Way? _____

How fast did Romans travel on their highways? _____

By what means did they travel? _____

In your opinion how does the history of ancient Rome affect us today? _____
