

UNIT 2: CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS
Reading Guide 11: The Roman Republic & Empire

Directions: Answer each question below after reading.

6.1: The Roman Republic

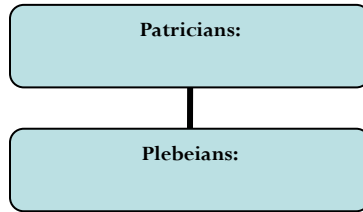
- **Objective A: Describe how geography influenced Rome’s development.**

1. Read the quote from Livy’s *Early History of Rome*. According to the author, what are the geographical advantages of Rome’s location?

- **Objective B: Explain the main institutions of the Roman Republic.**

2. Define *republic*:

3. Describe each group:



4. The Twelve Tables established the idea that all free citizens had ...

5. Complete the chart:

Main Idea: Roman writers boasted that the Roman Republic had a balanced government		
Best features of a monarchy	Best features of an aristocracy	Best features of a democracy
Consuls:	Senate:	Assemblies:

6. Define *dictator*:

- **Objective C: Describe how the Punic Wars helped increase Roman power.**

7. Short Answer: Why do you think the Romans gave full citizenship to conquered people living close to Rome?

8. Punic Wars: _____ versus _____

9. By about 70 BC, Rome’s Mediterranean empire stretched from _____ in the east to _____ in the west.

6.2: The Roman Empire

- **Objective A: Analyze problems facing the Roman Republic.**

10. Many problems were caused by:

a)

b)

11. The most serious problems were:

a)

b)

12. Explain what caused the widening gap between rich and poor.

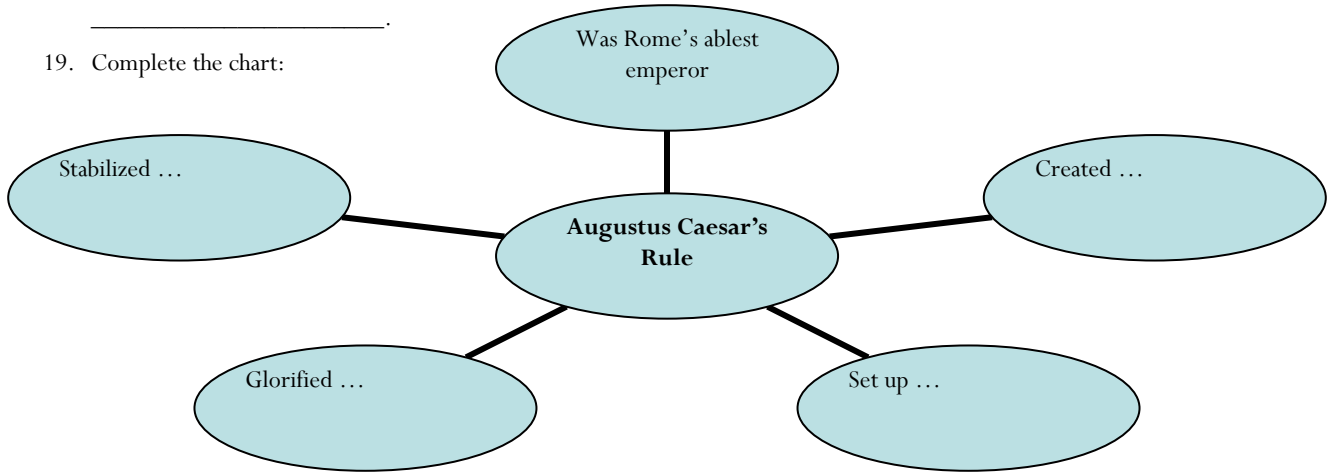
• **Objective B: Summarize events leading to the creation of the Roman Empire.**

13. Define *civil war*:
14. As the republic grew more unstable, soldiers' loyalty shifted from _____ to their _____.
15. In 44 BC, Julius Caesar was named _____.
16. Which do you think threatened Caesar's rivals more, his power or his popularity? Explain.
17. After Caesar's assassination, _____ eventually became the unchallenged ruler of Rome and Rome became an _____ ruled by one man.

• **Objective C: Describe the empire's economy and government.**

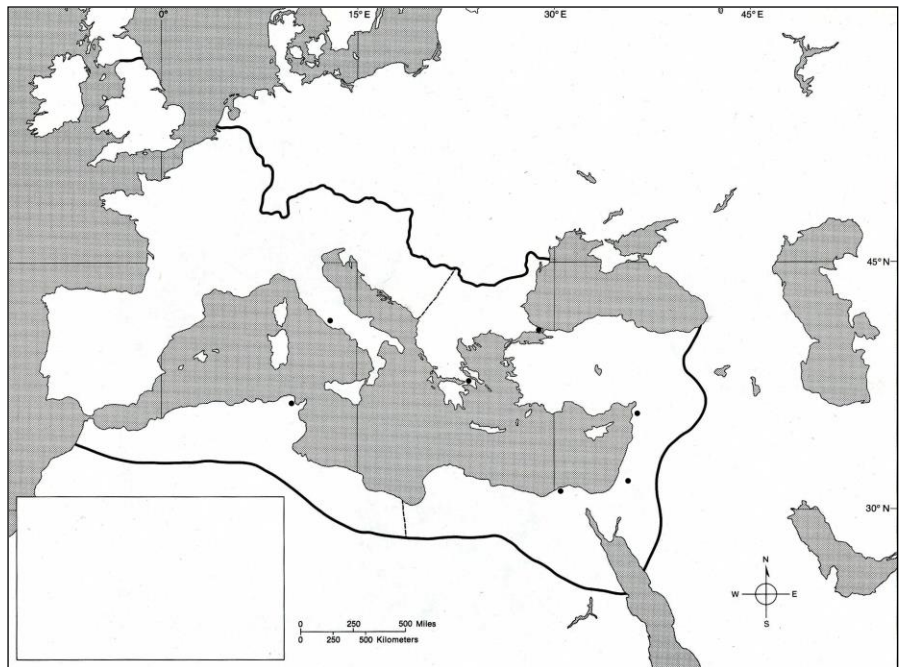
18. Rome was at the peak of its power from _____ to _____. This peaceful 207 year period was known as the _____.

19. Complete the chart:



20. Label on the map:

- a) Rome
- b) Jerusalem
- c) Byzantium
- d) Alexandria
- e) SPAIN
- f) GAUL
- g) ITALY
- h) BRITAIN
- i) GREECE
- j) *Mediterranean Sea*



21. Rome emphasized the values of _____, _____, and _____; Rome honored _____ more than beauty, _____ more than grace, and _____ more than elegance.
22. The government of Rome supported the unemployed with _____ and distracted and controlled the masses by providing _____, _____, _____, and _____.
23. By 250 AD, there were _____ holidays a year.