

Rome Test 1 – Foundation of Rome to the end of the Republic

Questions to keep in mind throughout the unit:

What aspects of the Roman civilization allowed them to be so successful for the 450 years of the Republic?

When did the Roman Republic start its decline?

Was the decline of the Republic inevitable, or could it have been prevented?

Course of the Unit

- **Foundations of Rome** – Chapter 5.1 Reading will be very helpful here
 - **Foundations of Rome: the Myth Behind the Foundations**
 - **Initial Leaders**
 - **Who were they?**
 - **When/why did they get kicked out?**
- **Roman Political Institutions** – See Handout
 - **The *Cursus Honorum* – Campaign Poster**
 - **Different offices**
 - **What were the responsibilities of each office?**
 - **What was the order of the offices?**
 - **Voting in Rome**
 - **The different assemblies**
 - **Who had the power in Rome?**
- **Roman Expansion in Italy and the Mediterranean** – Handout and Worksheet
 - **Early conquests in Italy**
 - **Opponents**
 - **Reasons for success**
 - **What did the Romans gain because of these conquests?**
 - **The Punic Wars** – Handout and Worksheet and Lecture Notes
 - **Who did they fight?**
 - **Why did they fight?**
 - **When did they fight?**
 - **Important figures in the wars**
 - **Outcome of the 1st Punic War**
 - **What did the Romans gain?**
 - **Outcome of the 2nd Punic War**
 - **Why did it start?**
 - **Where was it fought?**
 - **The invasion of Italy**
 - **How were the Romans unsuccessful?**
 - **How were the Romans successful?**

- Carthaginian Leader
 - The delayer
 - Scipio
- Rome's Expansion throughout the Mediterranean
 - Third Punic War
 - Greece
 - Asia
- The Gracchus Brothers: *Optimates* vs. *Populares* – the differences emerge
 - Tiberius Gracchus
 - Desired Reforms
 - Reasons for death
 - Gaius Gracchus
 - Desired Reforms
 - Reasons for death
- Marius and Sulla
 - Fundamental Differences
 - Early Civil War
 - Proscriptions
- Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus
 - The First Triumvirate
 - What did each an get
 - Why did the Triumvirate fall apart?
 - Civil War
 - Crossing the rubicon
 - *Clementia*
 - Battle of Pharsalus
 - Death of Pompey
 - Caesar... meet Cleopatra