

## HUM2220 – 4 - The Roman Empire

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

---Earliest recorded tribe to appear in Northern Italy: the \_\_\_\_\_; Italy, today, remembers them throughout the region of \_\_\_\_\_. They were the first to establish the 'city' of \_\_\_\_\_. These people were the 1<sup>st</sup> to wear \_\_\_\_\_ as their formal clothes. At the same time, a tribe of "farmers" came to settle down around Rome. Called the \_\_\_\_\_ because they speak \_\_\_\_\_. Legend of the **She-wolf with Romulus & Remus**...

---1<sup>st</sup> half of Roman history called: \_\_\_\_\_ - ruled by a Senate who were elected from high-class, educated, aristocratic rich citizens called: \_\_\_\_\_. The uneducated, poorer lower-class of people called \_\_\_\_\_ complained & eventually were allowed to elect some male representatives to serve as part of the Roman government (*like our modern House of Representatives*). A member of this Assembly was known as a: \_\_\_\_\_ (Only male citizens could vote & serve in government – rich or poor)

-- \_\_\_\_\_ (239-169BC) – *The Father of* \_\_\_\_\_ - famous for writing: *The Annals*-no copy exists today  
-- \_\_\_\_\_ (Marcus Tullius 106-44 BC): the greatest \_\_\_\_\_  
-- \_\_\_\_\_-Greek philosophy of Epicurus, adapted by the Romans. Felt the correct goal of human actions = pleasure. The Romans left out the part where the Greeks stressed Moderation and prudence in the pursuit of Pleasure.  
-- \_\_\_\_\_-earliest legal code of the Republic. Considered irrelevant after 450 years of use; needed refining.  
-- \_\_\_\_\_-a crafty way in which sculptors would convey the character of individual people, using realistic details. They were not flattering, but used as a Propagandist effect to show a chosen, self-image.

---At the end of the Republic, the most famous elected generals was \_\_\_\_\_ who gained the love of the Roman people because of his war victories in the '*Wild West of Europe*'. He wrote about the History of his war campaigns in his book: \_\_\_\_\_ When asked how he conquered the area so quickly, he responded: *Veni, Vidi, Vici...* -- \_\_\_\_\_!!

Julius Caesar was famous for:

--1. Revising the old laws of the Republic, called the \_\_\_\_\_ by creating a single, unified code of civil laws that he called \_\_\_\_\_ – later refined by \_\_\_\_\_, a Byzantine emperor in AD 525-33  
--2. Establishing & building up the \_\_\_\_\_ as the intended meeting place for government meetings, temples to the Roman gods, & a marketplace for the people. (Like our downtown cities today)  
--3. Establishing a new kind of calendar with a division of the year into 12 months of unequal length...known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (which added an extra day every 4<sup>th</sup> year...a leap year)  
--4. Being murdered by his own \_\_\_\_\_ (led by Brutus) while trying to establish himself as a *Dictator / King* of Rome  
Following the assassination of Julius Caesar on the \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ of March, 44 BC), the Republic was divided.  
-- \_\_\_\_\_ put in charge of the lands East of Rome + Egypt. The adopted grand-nephew of Julius Caesar  
-- \_\_\_\_\_ was put in charge of the Western Provinces, including Rome itself.  
--31 BC Octavian challenges \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Sept 6-9, 31BC)

--Octavian's victory marks the end of the Roman Republic, leaving him sole ruler of the Roman Empire.

**This battle marks the end of the Republic of Rome in 31 BC & the Beginning of:** \_\_\_\_\_

--1<sup>st</sup> leader of the new Roman Empire is Octavian, who in 27 BC became known as *Rome's First Citizen* & uses the new title: \_\_\_\_\_.

---Under Caesar Augustus (27 BC - 14 AD) - Rome becomes a 'melting pot' -- welcoming anyone to live there – safely, Marking the beginning of a 200 year period of peace and prosperity in the city of Rome known as the \_\_\_\_\_ (c.27 BC to AD 180). This peaceful period ends with the death of the Stoic Roman Emperor: \_\_\_\_\_, in AD 180. He is best remembered for his daily, handwritten journals about the hardships of trying to be a good Roman emperor, while trying to lead the life of a good Stoic. The writings are known as: \_\_\_\_\_.

31 BC - AD 14 - **The Golden Age of Roman Letters** – literature as propaganda during Caesar Augustus' reign. (Caesar Augustus hires the best of Rome's writers to write stories & poems which make him look good & bring honor to Rome as being the best place to live on earth, in Peace)...typical of any Propaganda program. (We know nothing is safe)

Greatest of all Roman Poets - \_\_\_\_\_ (70-19BC) Wrote \_\_\_\_\_ (written during the Golden Age of Augustan Literature) This epic poem was hailed as another way to honor Rome & its people...paid for by C.A.

Augustan Sculpture –government building programs used as \_\_\_\_\_ - to create & present a 'brighter side' of Caesar Augustus' reign for all to see

-- \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ funded by the Senate to honor/thank C.A. for his peacekeeping efforts

-- \_\_\_\_\_ the best preserved statue of Caesar Augustus himself. People get to see what their Caesar looks like, for the first time! It is quite flattering and doesn't look anything like him, but it is good 'PR' material.

\_\_\_\_\_ – small, Roman vacation town when \_\_\_\_\_ erupts on \_\_\_\_\_, destroying it by burying it under 16' hot volcanic ash. We know all about the eruption because of an eyewitness who was there & survived to write about it. Read about what he wrote in Chapter 4. His name is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Roman Imperial Architecture** The Romans were brilliant builders & engineers (& great copy cats, too!)

---Using the \_\_\_\_\_ for its strength in supporting heavy roofs & high walls

-**Vousoirs** -

-**Keystone**

-**Barrel or Tunnel Vault**

-**Dome**

---Romans invent \_\_\_\_\_ by 1 BC – a mixture of crushed limestone rubble with volcanic ash & water

---\_\_\_\_\_ (c. 126) in Rome, Italy – famous today as \_\_\_\_\_. Built during the reign of the \_\_\_\_\_. It is a round temple, or \_\_\_\_\_, dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_. The entrance porch uses 46' \_\_\_\_\_ columns. Today, it is the oldest domed structure in the history of mankind, famous for its dome with its window-like opening or eye at the top of the dome called the \_\_\_\_\_.

---The center of political, economic & religious life of the Roman world was \_\_\_\_\_. Julius Caesar was the 1st to recognize its importance and many other Roman Emperors followed his lead by adding temples, Triumphal Arches, & Civic government buildings to the designated area. Today, it looks like a big, mess. Why is this?

--\_\_\_\_\_ (one of many Triumphal Arches built throughout Europe by the Romans); this victory Arch was built to commemorate the capture of Jerusalem by the Roman General Titus in AD 70. See Reliefs of the Roman soldiers carrying away treasures from the famous Temple of Solomon before the Roman soldiers destroyed it & exiled all the Jews from Jerusalem. (The Jewish people were not recognized for living any where until they established Israel in 1948)

--\_\_\_\_\_ (72-80) Standing in the center of Rome, the \_\_\_\_\_ was built to entertain the masses of people living in Rome. The people went to see dog fights, wild animal fights, & Gladiatorial combat. They got free bread and water, too. Gladiators were trained in the art of murder, & became the 'stud-muffins' of the Roman world.

--\_\_\_\_\_ or pipelines/bridges built to carry fresh water from mountain springs to various Roman cities. The ones in Rome piped in over 1 million fresh gallons of water, per day. (One can still visit the many fountains in Rome).

--\_\_\_\_\_ (Nimes, S.France) – one of the last standing (but not working) aqueducts seen today

Close to the end of Imperial Rome, total collapse of the Empire is prevented by 2 Roman Emperors.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (ruled 284-305) – institutes many Economic changes, including fixed wages. He is the only Roman Emperor who officially retires & moves to his Palace in Split, Yugoslavia to become a Cabbage Farmer!

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Emperor (r.306-337) --

--Builds the last great Imperial building (from 306-315 in Rome): \_\_\_\_\_

--moves his government from attack in Rome to a new city located on the Bosphorus River & the Black Sea called \_\_\_\_\_ (originally an old Greek fishing town) by **AD 330**. This 'Nova Roma' is known as the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian City. To honor Constantine, the Senate changes the city's name from the Greek city of Byzantium to: \_\_\_\_\_ (now called \_\_\_\_\_; located in present-day \_\_\_\_\_)

--The Roman Empire is divided into **Eastern & Western Empires**. When the city of Rome was no longer safe for anyone, a 'false' Roman emperor moves away (402), yet remains in Italy, where he established the Italian city of **Ravenna** as the new capital of the Western Roman Empire or the 'Nova Roma' (capital from 402-476 – 74 yrs!)

-- But, the city of **Rome** itself was sacked by Barbarian invaders (Aleric, a Visigoth) & falls in **AD 410**. It was left a mess! The barbarians were not satisfied until they had Roman Emperor's Head, so they worked their way up Italy, heading toward **Ravenna**, which will fall to Barbarians in AD 476.

-- **The Traditional Date of the End of the Roman Empire (the Western Empire) is AD 476 – when the city of Ravenna was besieged by invading Barbarians.**

The **Great (Roman) Empire of the East** was to last for another 1,000 years, falling to the invading Muslim Turks when the great city of Constantinople (Byzantium) falls into the hands of Infidels or non-Christian invaders in **AD 1453**

The period from the fall of the Western Roman Empire in 476 until the fall of Constantinople (Byzantium) in 1453 is studied as the Middle Ages or the Medieval Period...which is another course under HUM2223