

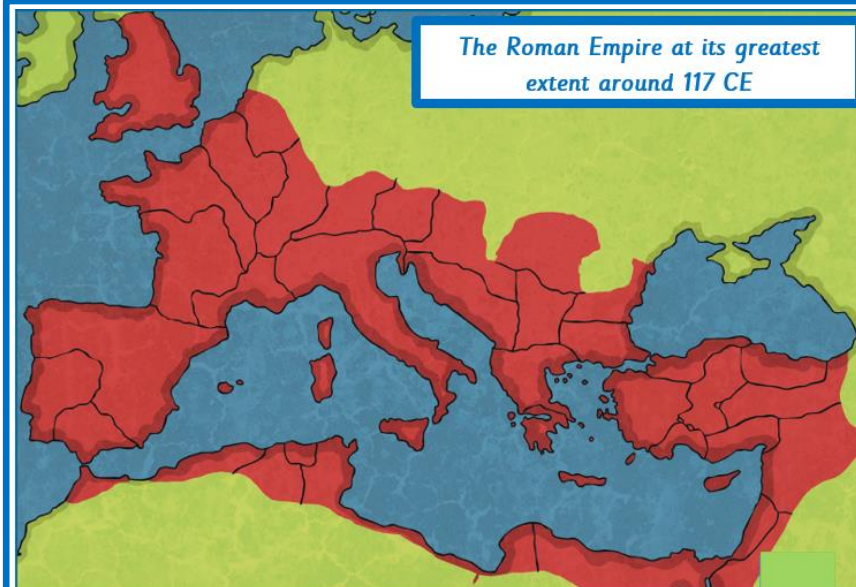
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History

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The Rise and Fall of Rome



The Roman Empire at its greatest extent around 117 CE

The first Romans lived in Italy nearly 3000 years ago. They founded the city of Rome in 753 BC and, over the centuries, conquered many lands to create a huge empire.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
alliance	When people, groups or countries agree to work together.
assassinate	To kill someone for political reasons.
corruption	Dishonest or illegal behaviour especially by powerful people.
barbarian	An insulting word the Romans used for the different tribes who attacked the Empire in the 5 th Century CE.
dictator	Government by a person or a small group rules with almost unlimited power.
Gaul	The name given in ancient times to the area of Western Europe that included northern Italy, France, Belgium, western Switzerland and parts of the Netherlands and Germany on the west bank of the Rhine river.
monotheistic	Belief in one god.
Pax Romana	A period of 200 years when the Roman Empire was very peaceful and rich.
persecution	To hurt someone, often for their religious belief or ethnicity.
polytheistic	Belief in many gods.
Punic Wars	Three wars between Rome and Carthage, which Rome won.
Rubicon	The boundary in ancient times between Italy and Gaul.
sack	To destroy an enemy city and steal anything of value.
sect	A group of people that has separated from a larger group and has a particular set of religious political beliefs.
Visigoth	Germanic people who sacked Rome in 410 CE.

Julius Caesar: a famous Roman leader. He won many battles for Rome and helped the Roman Empire grow. While Caesar had a glowing career in both politics and as a military commander, he was only leader of the Roman Empire for a year before he was assassinated by political enemies.

Hannibal: In the Second Punic War (218–201 BCE), the Carthaginians were led by a great general named Hannibal. A bold and brilliant strategist, Hannibal managed to strike fear into the mighty Roman army, defeating them several times. He killed himself with poison in about 183 BCE.

Timeline

