

THE ROMAN EMPIRE - KEY

1. What caused the collapse of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D ? **Germanic tribes invaded Rome**
2. What influence did Latin have later after the empire had ended ? **it became the basis for many other languages**
3. When was Rome founded and by whom? **Romulus and Remus in the 8th century B.C.**
4. What happened after the Etruscans left Rome ? **Rome became a republic**
5. Where is Gaul located ? **in today's France**
6. Which territories did Rome gain during the Punic Wars? **Northern Africa and Spain**
7. How did Hannibal attack the Roman Empire? **he crossed the Alps and invaded from the north**
8. What task did a proconsul have? **they were governors who ruled faraway territories**
9. How did Caesar die ? **he was assassinated**
10. Who became the first Roman emperor? **Augustus**
11. How did Constantine the Great organize the Roman Empire ? **he divided the empire into to parts : the West Roman Empire in Rome and the East Roman Empire in Constantinople**
12. How did he deal with the Christians ? **gave them freedom; did not persecute them any more**
13. How long did the East Roman Empire exist ? **1453**
14. How did wealthy Romans live ? **luxurious houses, on the outskirts; they had servants and slaves**
15. What was a latifundium ? **large farm of a rich landowner**
16. Who was the head of the typical Roman family ? **paterfamilias, the oldest male**
17. What did a tunic look like ? **loose piece of clothing that extended to the knees**
18. What functions did a bath house have ? **center of leisure life; place to relax, get massages, gossip**
19. What type of events took place in amphitheaters ? **gladiators fought against each other and against wild animals**
20. Where were chariot races held ? **Circus Maximus**
21. Which god was at the top of the religious world ? **Zeus**
22. What were pontiffs and what did they do ? **high religious officials who were in charge of rules**