

SIMPLIFIED SOCIAL STUDIES UNIT

SUPPORTING THE TOPIC :

Ancient Rome



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THE ROMAN EMPIRE

BEGINNINGS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

The Roman Empire began around 800 BC. It grew to include many lands. Between 100 and 200 CE, the empire had about 60 million people. At that time, it was about one-fifth of the world's population. The Romans conquered most of the ancient world in Europe, northern Africa and Asia. Some countries today that were under Roman rule are Spain, England, France, Germany, Turkey, Egypt and Austria. The Romans built very good roads to connect the different cultures. You can see the remains of some of these roads even today. Modern roads still follow the ancient Roman routes, such as the road through the Alps called the Brenner Pass.

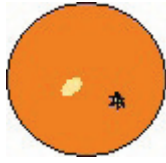
MAP EXERCISE

Use an atlas to find the city of Rome and the Mediterranean Sea.

1. The centre of the Roman Empire was Rome. It is the capital city of Italy today. Print this city on the map below.
2. Print the Mediterranean Sea on the map.



3. Circle the picture that looks something like the shape of Italy.



4. There are many present-day countries that were once part of the Roman Empire. Name any six countries.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

5. **Circle the correct answer**

A. To connect the different cultures of people, the Romans built:

- skyscrapers
- roads
- museums

B. The road through the Alps that follows the ancient Roman route is called:

- The Freeway
- The Speedway
- The Brenner Pass

THE EARLY ROMANS

The Roman Empire began with a group of people called the Latins. Over hundreds of years, these people conquered all the other groups in their area. They became skilled warriors. They moved on to different lands. They finally controlled the greatest empire in the ancient world. The Latins lived south of the Tiber River on flat, fertile land where they farmed. Three-quarters of Italy is mountainous or hilly. One-quarter contains valleys and plains. The summers are warm and the winters are mild. There is ample rainfall for growing grain. Animals such as sheep and cattle were raised on these lands.

6. Underline the correct answer in each of the following:
(There may be more than one correct answer)

a. The Roman Empire began with a group of people called:

- ★ The Latins
- ★ The Gladiators
- ★ The Generals



b. These people lived on the plains of the Tiber River and:

- ★ earned a living raising cattle
- ★ earned a lot of money painting the scenery
- ★ earned a living by farming

c. The weather is warm with ample rainfall for growing:

- ★ bananas
- ★ grain
- ★ peaches

