## 1 World History I

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<sup>2</sup> Rome: Republic and Empire

- Legendary origins
  - Aeneas fleeing Troy
  - Romulus and Remus
  - Overthrow of Tarquin the Proud

# **3 Rome: Republic and Empire**

- Roman values
  - Glorification of combat
  - Loyalty to family
  - Loyalty to state.

# 4 Rome: Republic and Empire

Government of the Republic

- Representative institutions favoring aristocracy (patricians)
- Importance of religion in public life
- Awarding of captured land
- Loyalty of troops to generals (who were also political figures).
- **5** Growth of Rome

### http://www.ict.griffith.edu.au/wiseman/Roman/19Maps.html

### 6 Roman Expansion

# 7 Rome: Republic and Empire

- By-products of expansion
  - Latifundia
  - Increased slavery
  - More cash crops.

### 8 Rome: Republic and Empire

- Benefits of expansion
  - Wealth of empire
  - Patronage of arts
  - Building of infrastructure
  - Spread of Roman culture and values.

### 9 Rome: Republic and Empire

- Price of expansion
  - Need to integrate conquered into state
  - Gap between wealthy and poor
  - Shift from republican to imperial (one-man) rule
  - Instability of land borders
  - Civil wars.

### 10 Roman Empire and Republic

- Transition to Empire
  - Civil Wars
  - Growing power of Julius Caesar

- Assassination of Julius Caesar
- More civil wars
- Consolidation of power by Augustus Caesar.

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# 12 Roman Empire:

### **Chronology of Fall**

- Crash of Third Century (mid-200s)
- Reign of Diocletian, division of empire (293)
- Reign of Constantine (key date: 313)
- Battle of Adrianople, 378
- Withdrawal from Britain, 409 or 410
- Sack of Rome, 410 (Visigoths)
- Sack of Rome, 455 (Vandals)
- Deposition of Romulus Augustulus, 476.

#### 13 http://www.utexas.edu/courses/romanciv/end%20and%20legacy/invasio ns.jpg

#### 14 Roman Empire:

#### Reasons for Fall

- Barbarian tribes
- Communications inadequate for size
- Uneven distribution of wealth
- Parasitic towns
- "Bread and Circuses"
- Christianity
- Upper-class apathy, hedonism
- Corruption in government
- Change in military organization
- · Succession problems.
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