

Rome and Christianity

Chapter Review



BIG IDEAS

1. After changing from a republic to an empire, Rome grew politically and economically, and developed a culture that influenced later civilizations.
2. People in the Roman Empire practiced many religions before Christianity, based on the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, spread and became Rome's official religion.
3. Problems from both inside and outside caused the Roman Empire to split into a western half, which collapsed, and an eastern half that prospered for hundreds of years.

REVIEWING VOCABULARY, TERMS, AND PEOPLE

In the space provided, write the word from the word bank below that best matches each description.

Paul of Tarsus	Romance languages	Cicero
Julius Caesar	Christianity	Attila
martyrs	Pax Romana	Augustus
Jesus of Nazareth	persecution	corruption

- _____ 1. A peaceful period during the beginning of the Roman Empire.
- _____ 2. A fearsome leader of the Huns.
- _____ 3. A man who helped to spread Christianity by traveling through the Roman world and writing about Christian teachings.
- _____ 4. Punishing a group because of its religious beliefs.
- _____ 5. People who die for their religious beliefs.
- _____ 6. Languages that developed from Latin.

COMPREHENSION AND CRITICAL THINKING

Read each of the following groups of sentences, and put them in sequence in the blanks provided.

1. _____, _____, _____, _____
- a. A barbarian general names himself king of Italy, bringing an end to the western Roman Empire.
 - b. Augustus becomes the first emperor of the Roman Empire.
 - c. Diocletian divides the Roman Empire in half.
 - d. The Ottoman Turks capture Constantinople, bringing an end to the eastern Roman Empire.

REVIEWING THEMES

Using the themes listed below, determine which is identified by each statement.

Themes

geography	politics	economics	technology and innovation	society and culture	religion
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- _____ 1. Corrupt officials helped to bring about the decline of the Roman Empire.
- _____ 2. The Romans developed new materials and designs that helped create architectural advances.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: JEOPARDY-STYLE GAME

Working with a partner or a small group, create a game based on the TV show *Jeopardy*. In *Jeopardy*, the game show host states an answer and the players respond by asking a question. For example, the host could say “Christianity.” A player could respond, “What religion did Jesus of Nazareth start?” Create a list of key words, terms, and names described in the chapter. This list will be the “answers.” For each “answer,” create a list of matching questions. Develop rules, a point system, and a method for keeping score. If possible, play the game with your classmates. Include at least 12 words and matching questions. Following are a few ideas to help you get started.

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| rulers | people | religions | achievements |
| empires | warriors | beliefs | languages |
| events | customs | politics | literature |