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Unit 7 Vocabulary Words– Ancient Rome

Word	Definition	Illustration
Etruscans	an early civilization in Italy; Romans were greatly influenced by the Greeks and the Etruscans.	
Romulus and Remus	twins of the myth that explains how Rome was founded	
gladiator	a person trained to fight for public entertainment	
plebeian	one of the common people in the Roman Republic	
patrician	a member of the upper, ruling class in the Roman Republic	
republic	a form of government in which leaders are elected to represent the people	
Senate	A group of 300 men elected to govern Rome	
consuls	two very powerful elected leaders of Rome who shared command of the army	
tribune	an official of Rome elected by plebeians to represent them	
veto	to refuse to approve proposals of government	
constitution	a set of basic laws (written down) by which Rome's government ruled	

checks and balances	a system that balances the distribution of power in a government	
dictatorship	When the government is ruled by one person who has absolute power; Julius Caesar became a dictator which brought the Roman Republic to an end	
Colosseum	a large arena in Rome where gladiator contests and other games and sporting events were held	
aqueducts	a pipe or channel built to carry water over a long distance	
Christianity	a monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus	