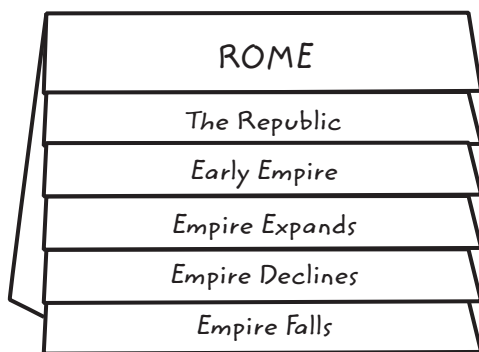


Rome and the Rise of Christianity, 600 B.C.–A.D. 500

TOPIC SUMMARY

Rome established a republic and conquered vast areas of land. Its government was eventually controlled by a small number of powerful leaders. Finally, the republic gave way to a series of emperors who exercised varying degrees of control over the empire. During relatively long periods of peace, Roman arts and culture flourished. Christianity also grew and spread throughout the Western world during this period. Corruption and threats from outside eventually caused the empire to collapse.

Analyzing Cause and Effect

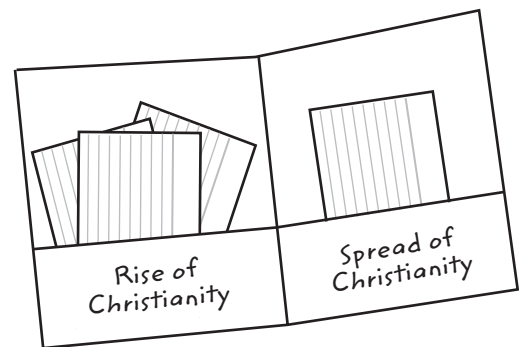


Layered-Look Book

Students can organize the events related to the Roman Empire in a Layered-Look Book. Students should review the related text material and list significant events, in sequential order, of the Republic, the early empire, the expanding empire, the declining empire, and the fall of the empire. Students can review the information to examine the causes and effects of events and leader's decisions.

Materials Needed: three sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper and a stapler or glue

Classifying

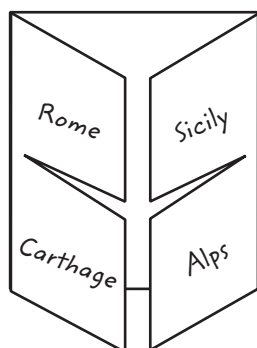


Two-Pocket Book

Christianity began during the Roman era and eventually spread throughout the empire. Have students create a Two-Pocket Book to examine the rise and spread of Christianity. Students should review the text and write facts about events, people, and places on note cards. Have students classify each fact and place it in the appropriate pocket of the book.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, scissors, and glue

Analyzing



Four-Door Book

Have students analyze the impact of geography on Rome's rise by creating a Four-Door Book. Have students sketch a map of Italy and surrounding areas, similar to the map of Italy in their textbooks. Have students label Rome, Sicily, Carthage, and the Alps on the map. On the inside of the book, have students write descriptive phrases that explain the geographic importance of each of these places to Rome's rise.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper and scissors