The Origins of Rome

Objective:
The Geography and The Legend…
How did the Etruscans and Greeks influence the development of Rome?
I will look at different perspectives of the history and how Rome was formed. I will then make an informed decision on which I believe to be true and be able to support my opinion.

I will be able to explain what happened when the Etruscans & Greeks came in contact with the Latins of Italy.

America is a combination of many cultures blended into one….so was Rome!
The origins of Rome (How it began)
Origins of Rome #1

Romulus & Remus Recap

1. Twin Brothers raised by a wolf.
2. Romulus fights & kills his brother, Remus.
3. Romulus becomes the first King of Rome 753 B.C.E.
4. Fact or fiction??
Origins of Rome # 2

1. Latins settle on the plain of Latium around 1000 B.C.E.
2. Between 800 and 700 B.C.E. people band together here for protection.
3. = Rome
Origins of Rome # 3

1. Aeneas and followers flee Troy after loss to the Mycenaeans & Greeks.
2. Land at the mouth of the Tiber River
3. Integrate Latins with Trojans
4. Aeneas becomes the “father” of Rome.
5. Is this fact or fiction?
• What do you believe??
**Early influences on the Roman culture:**

The Etruscans
In your passport…

The Etruscans are to Rome as the Minoans are to Greece.

What do I mean by this?
Warm Up:

- Compare these two pictures...circle three things that are the same!
Sections 3 to 8
For Sections 3 to 8, first read that section of your book. In the box for that section, summarize the Etruscan or Greek influence on Rome. Then draw and label an arrow on the map to show how the influence came to Rome. An example has been done for you on the map.

Italian Peninsula, 6th Century B.C.E.

Section 3
Section 4
Section 5
Section 6
Section 7
Section 8
The Background of the Etruscans

1. Between 800 & 650 BCE the Etruscans came to Rome from a Northern part of Italy called Eturia
The Background of the Etruscans

2. Nicknames:
   - Italy’s first civilized people
   - People of the Sea – Pirates

The Etruscans Contributed many things to Rome, they did not necessarily make/ found these ideas themselves, but rather brought them to the attention of the Romans.
Instead of using the map...mark each section with a G or E for who had the most influence in that area.
Our Activity

For Sections 3 to 8 describe the Etruscan and Greek influences on Rome, which you must understand before beginning the activity.

- Pick out of the bin the section that you will learn about first.
- For each section, begin by reading that section of the Student Text or the pages in the bin.
- In the box for that section, summarize the Etruscan or Greek influence on Rome.
- Repeat....
The Romans used Etruscan arches to build bridges, stadiums, and aqueducts. They adopted the cuniculus from the Etruscans and used it to irrigate land, drain swamps, and carry water to their cities.
The Keystone State
Section 4

Romans enjoyed watching the dangerous Etruscan sport of **chariot racing**. Slave fighting was also adapted from the Etruscans. Some **Roman slaves that fought against each other or animals were called gladiators**.
The Romans used **Greek columns** and designs to add to the beauty of their buildings. They constructed buildings that resembled **Greek temples** and used **concrete** to create even large structures, such as the Pantheon.
Section 6

The Romans used a modified Etruscan alphabet, which was an adaptation of the Greek alphabet. Like the Greeks, they write in all-capital letters and carved important documents into walls and columns for all to see. Greek poetry also inspired Roman writers.
Romans copied the Greek technique for making *pottery*. Wealthy Romans collected Greek art and built monuments in the Greek style. Roman sculptors and painters used Greek art as a model, but their figures were more realistic.
Section 8

Roman religion was highly influenced by Greek religion. The Romans made Greek gods as their own, but gave them Roman names. The Romans were more concerned with following the correct rituals than with stories about their gods.
Shoes

Caligae

1. Legionary Boots
2. Patrician Shoes
3. Common Shoes
Putting your knowledge to use

- This is an artist painting of a typical street in Rome.
- From what you learned yesterday what can be seen and inferred.
Putting your knowledge to use…

Influences that might be seen:
- Etruscan engineering (arches), Etruscan sporting events (chariot), Greek architecture (monumental public buildings), Greek art (sculptures on fountain), and Greek writing (on wall)

Influences that might be inferred:
- Etruscan engineering (water from cuniculi being drawn from a fountain)
Using your knowledge, again...
Putting your knowledge to use…

Influences that might be seen:

- Etruscan engineering (arches), Etruscan sporting events (chariot race), Greek architecture (stadium), Greek art (sculptures and monuments), Greek religion (statues of gods and goddesses)

Influences that might be inferred:

- Etruscan engineering (water for the horses and spectators), Greek writing (accounts of payment and posted scores of the races)