500 YEARS OF EXPANSION

1st Period 509-264 BCE

2nd Period 264-246 BCE 3rd Period 145 BCE – 44 CE

4th Period 44 CE 44-14 CE



2ND OF EXPANSION: THE PUNIC WARS

• Rome's biggest enemy: Carthage (North Africa)

• 3 Major Wars: The Punic Wars



Winner: **Rome TKO:** The fight for Sicily is won by the strong Roman fleet.

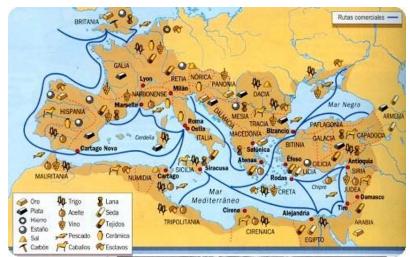
Winner: Carthage TKO: Hannibal brings Elephants to the Alps! Winner: Rome TKO: Rome burns Carthage to the ground

HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?



3RD PERIOD OF EXPANSION

- Rome rules entire Mediterranean World: the sea is nicknamed "*mare nostrum,*" or our sea
 - Controlled Asia Minor, Egypt, Syria
- Roman general Julius Caesar conquered Gaul (Spain)
- Trouble in Rome, Sweet Home!
 - <u>Civil Wars</u> divided the city generals became <u>dictators</u>
 - Caesar's <u>triumvirate</u>: a trio of powerful individuals





4TH PERIOD OF EXPANSION: THE FIRST EMPEROR!

- Caesar assassinated: why?
 - The men who killed Caesar thought they were saving the power of the Senate
- Caesar's grandnephew, Octavian, seized power
- The Senate named him <u>Augustus</u>, meaning "honored one" → Rome is officially an empire with one supreme ruler

4TH PERIOD OF EXPANSION: THE FIRST EMPEROR!

- Augustus
 - Pushed empire to natural boundaries (rivers, seas)
 - Easier to defend

JULIUS CAESAR

- Military hero who made reforms, or changes to help society in Rome
- Member of a triumvirate, a political alliance of three, with Crassus and Pompey
- Roman Senate chooses Pompey as consul and orders Caesar to give up command of legions

CRASSUS

My army is

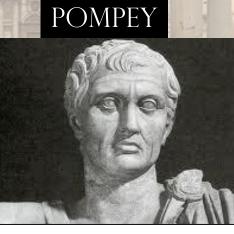
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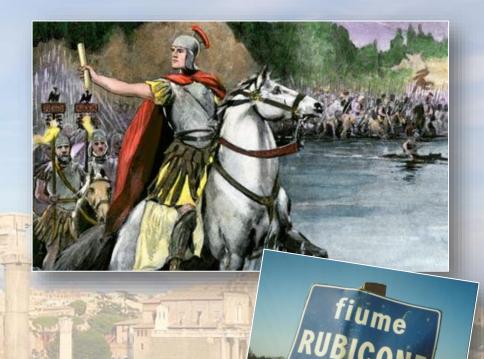
CAESAR



Senate chooses Pompey to be Consul

CAESAR'S RISE

- Caesar's army was loyal to him
- Challenged Pompey and marched his armies into Rome – essentially declaring a Civil War
- "Crossing the Rubicon" making a decision you cannot take back



CAESAR IN POWER

- 44 BCE Caesar declares himself dictator for life
- Filled Senate with loyal, new members
- <u>Reformed Society</u>
 - Granted <u>citizenship</u> to people living in Rome's territories

 treated his old enemies with generosity
 - Started new <u>colonie</u>s to provide land for the landless
 - <u>Created work</u> for jobless Romans
 - Ordered landowners to hire free workers instead of slaves
 - Created a <u>new calendar (12 mos., 365 days, a leap year!)</u>
 - Brought order and peace to Rome

CAESAR'S DEMISE

- Caesar had many supporters, but also had enemies
- Opponents led by Senators Brutus and Cassius
- March 15th, 44 BCE "Beware the Ides of March!"
 - Feared that Caesar was more like a king
 - Stabbed...in the Forum?