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Roman Reading Guide

7.1 Founding the Roman Republic

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1. Name at least two ways that geography helped the Roman rise to power.
2. How was its geography a disadvantage to Rome?
3. According to legend, who founded Rome? Why isn't it named after Remus?
4. What group built the Tiber River villages that eventually united to form Rome?
5. What skills did the Romans learn from the Etruscans? What happened to the Etruscans in the end?
6. How did Rome's location help it?
7. What happened to the Etruscan king? What kind of government did they set up in his place?
8. What was the responsibility of each of the following groups/people? (7 points)
 - Senate –
 - dictators –
 - consuls –
 - praetors (in peacetime) –
 - praetors (in wartime) –
 - censors –
 - tribunes –
9. What was the name of the headquarters of Roman government (look at the picture)?
10. What was the name for the common people's struggles to win more rights?
11. Name and define each of Rome's two social classes.

12. How did the plebeians increase their power? What rights did they gain?
13. Who was required to serve in the Roman army? How was the morale of the soldiers?
14. What was the difference between citizens and partial citizens? Who made up each group?
15. Name two things that Rome expected from the peoples they conquered.

7.2 Rome Expands Its Borders

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16. What was the cause of the Punic Wars?
17. The Romans had no navy at the beginning of the First Punic War. How did they build one and what was their battle strategy?
18. Why was Hannibal unable to conquer Rome?
19. How did the Second Punic War end?
20. What was the cause of the Third Punic War? How did that war end?
21. As time passed, how did the power of the Senate change?
22. What was the province, and how did the Romans govern them?
23. Why did many of the formerly wealthy landowners end up need government-supplied food after the Punic Wars?
24. A new social class was growing within Rome. What was it called, and why was their growth a problem?