

Learning Target & Success Criteria:

I can identify the causes of the decline of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_, describe the impact of Julius \_\_\_\_\_ on the creation of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_, and identify political, military, economic, and social causes of the decline and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Empire by scoring an 80% or higher on my mastery check.

**Victory in Punic Wars Leads to Problems**

- \_\_\_\_\_ work large farms, forced the small farmers into the \_\_\_\_\_
- Gap between rich and poor \_\_\_\_\_
- Poor begin to revolt
- \_\_\_\_\_ led a rebellion of 70,000 slaves against Rome
- Gracchus brothers try to make changes in the Senate, both are \_\_\_\_\_ for their efforts
- Soldiers begin to get paid and given equipment, land is given to veterans that fought, a professional army of \_\_\_\_\_ develops
- Soldiers become more loyal to their \_\_\_\_\_ than they are to the Roman Republic

**First Triumvirate Leads to Civil War**

- First Triumvirate = alliance between \_\_\_\_\_ powers (Caesar, Crassus, Pompey) from 60-53 BCE
  - All three are wealthy, popular, and were military leaders
- \_\_\_\_\_ dies in battle, leaving only Caesar and Pompey in the alliance
- Pompey is \_\_\_\_\_ but gets jealous of Caesar's popularity and orders Caesar to disband his army and return to Rome
- \_\_\_\_\_ refuses and marches across the Rubicon River which is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ against Rome
- Pompey & Roman Legions fight against Caesar and his army in \_\_\_\_\_
- Caesar \_\_\_\_\_ and Pompey flees to Egypt, Pompey is \_\_\_\_\_ and Caesar stays in Egypt

**Dictator For Life**

- Caesar falls in love with \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt, helps her defeat her brother and makes her the ruling pharaoh
- Julius Caesar returns to Rome and is elected dictator for \_\_\_\_\_
- Reforms the calendar (\_\_\_\_\_ calendar), helps poor get jobs, \_\_\_\_\_ Rome's territory, increases soldier's pay
- Senate not happy with dictator and having all the power, dictatorship marked the death of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_
- Caesar is \_\_\_\_\_ 23 times by a group of Senators including his friends Brutus and Cassius



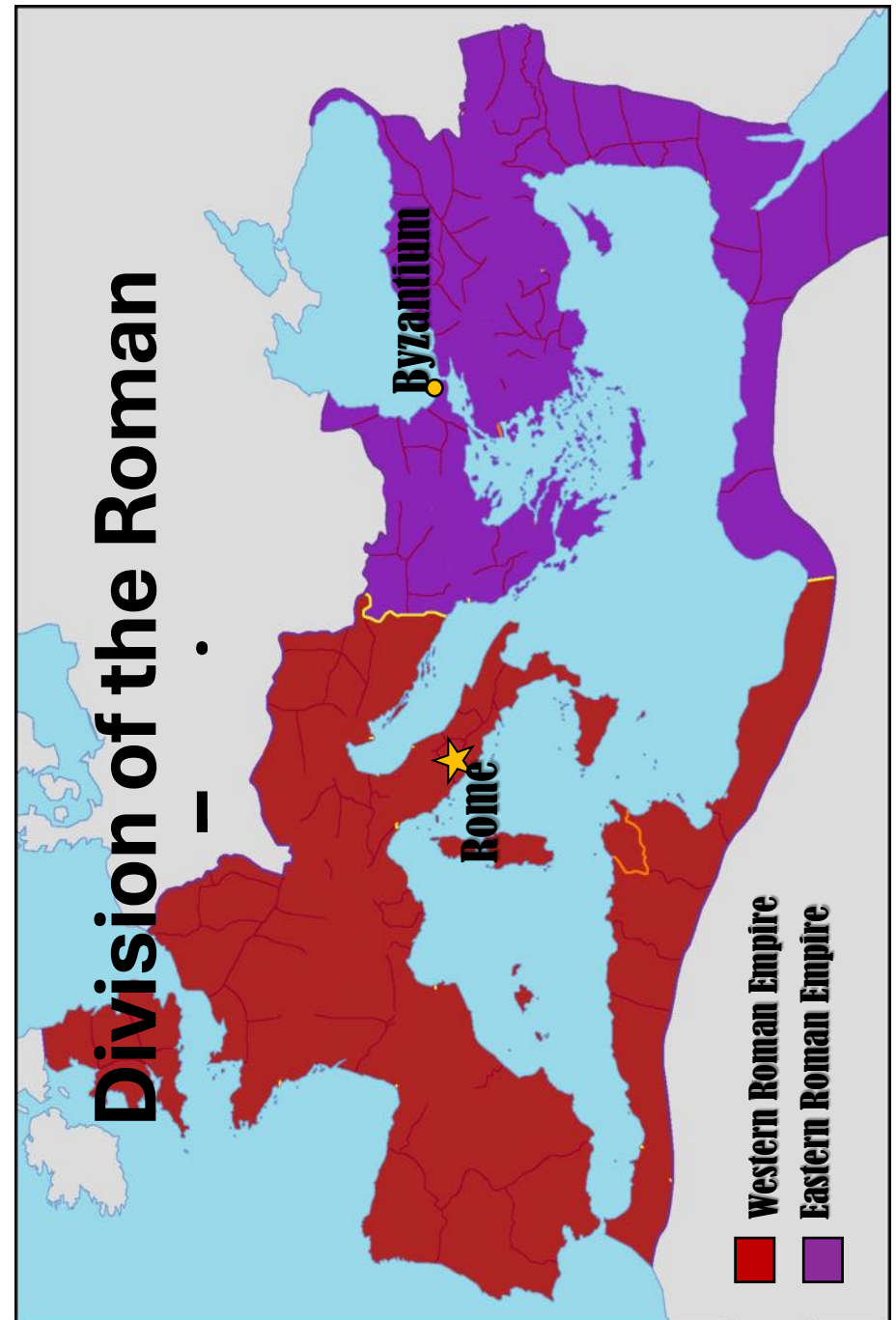
### Roman Republic Ends, Roman Empire Begins

- Marc Antony, Caesar's adopted son Octavian, and a politician Lepidus form another alliance – the \_\_\_\_\_ Triumvirate in 43 BCE
- They hunt down Caesar's killers together but later \_\_\_\_\_ on each other
- Octavian defeats \_\_\_\_\_ who had fallen in love with Cleopatra in Egypt and both Antony and Cleopatra kill themselves
- \_\_\_\_\_ changes his name to Caesar Augustus and becomes the first Roman \_\_\_\_\_ in 27 BCE – marking the end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Roman Empire



### Empire in Crisis

- Pax Romana (period of \_\_\_\_\_ and prosperity) ends 180 CE, after almost 200 years
- Despite good emperors during this time, a series of \_\_\_\_\_ emperors and rising \_\_\_\_\_ led to the decline of the Roman Empire over the next 100 years
- Plebeians, the poor farmers, were working for the patricians (the wealthy) and the gap between rich and poor widened
- Emperor \_\_\_\_\_ in 284 CE \_\_\_\_\_ the Roman Empire into two separate empires, the east and west
- Diocletian fixed prices to \_\_\_\_\_ the economy



## Emperor Constantine

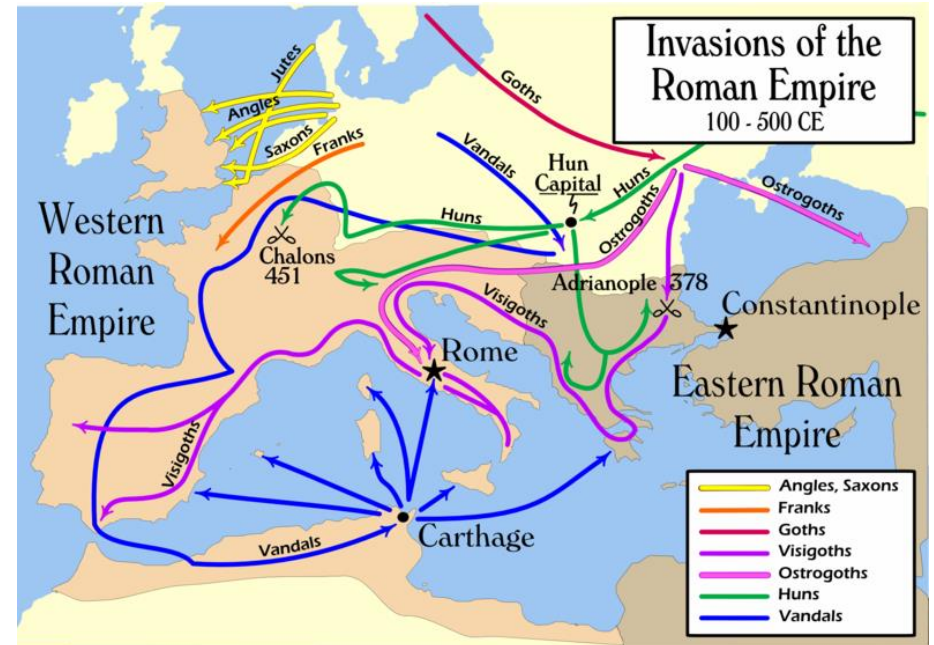
- Emperor of Rome from 312-337 CE
- \_\_\_\_\_ were not tolerated in Rome until the Edict of \_\_\_\_\_ grants religious tolerance to Christians in Rome
- Orders the building of \_\_\_\_\_ which became the new capital on the eastern side of the Roman Empire (today known as \_\_\_\_\_)

## Foreign Invasions

- Series of \_\_\_\_\_ invaders from Eastern Europe begin to terrorize Rome from \_\_\_\_\_ CE
- \_\_\_\_\_ – from central Asia, led by a feared raider named Attila
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Hun raided the eastern empire, Italy, modern day Europe
- Huns retreat back to Eastern Europe after Attila's death

## Invasions Continue

- Rome seems to be falling apart leading to several groups invading
- \_\_\_\_\_ under the leadership of Alaric sacks the city of Rome in 410 CE
- Alaric frees 40,000 gothic \_\_\_\_\_ within Rome
- The \_\_\_\_\_, the second Barbarian group to sack the city of Rome, attack in 455 CE
- \_\_\_\_\_ CE the Emperor of Rome is \_\_\_\_\_ by a Germanic leader named Odoacer
- Marks the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ Roman Empire (Eastern Empire is still holding strong)



## Causes of the Fall of the Roman Empire

- **Military:** Foreign \_\_\_\_\_, Roman army lacked training, relied on \_\_\_\_\_ that were less loyal to the empire
- **Political:** No rules for next \_\_\_\_\_, corrupt public officials, \_\_\_\_\_ the empire weakened it over time, rise of Christianity led to less \_\_\_\_\_ to emperor
- **Economic:** High \_\_\_\_\_ to support army and government, increasing \_\_\_\_\_ between rich and poor (not much of a middle class), reliance on \_\_\_\_\_ as a labor source
- **Social:** Population declines due to \_\_\_\_\_ and constant war, loss of values and loyalty, elaborate Gladiator battles were a distraction from the decline of society