

# MIGHTY, MIGHTY ROME

Directions: Fill in the chart below as we discuss these major points in class.

<u>THE ROMAN REPUBLIC</u>	<u>THE ROMAN EMPIRE</u>	<u>DECLINE &amp; FALL</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Founded in 509 BC after the last Etruscan king of Rome was overthrown</li> <li>❑ Governed by the Senate, elected magistrates, and popular assemblies working together</li> <li>❑ During the Republic, the Romans conquered Italy, Greece, North Africa, and much of the eastern Mediterranean</li> <li>❑ Problems within the government led to the Republic's breakdown</li> <li>❑ Julius Caesar, one of the republic's last rulers, gained great power but was assassinated by his enemies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Founded in 27 BC when Augustus became the first emperor</li> <li>❑ The beginning of the empire was marked by peace and prosperity, a period known as the Pax Romana</li> <li>❑ The empire continued to expand in both the east and west, completely surrounding the Mediterranean Sea and becoming the largest empire in the ancient world.</li> <li>❑ Emperors gained more power as time passed, making all important government decisions themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Political and economic problems began to threaten the empire's stability in the late 200s and early 300s</li> <li>❑ Emperors became absolute rulers to try to stop the decline</li> <li>❑ Diocletian divided the empire in half in an effort to prevent its immediate collapse</li> <li>❑ Barbarian invasions and other factors led to the collapse of the Western Empire in 476</li> <li>❑ The Eastern Empire remained strong for several centuries, developing into the Byzantine Empire</li> </ul>

<b><u>CHRISTIANITY IN THE ROMAN WORLD</u></b>	<b><u>ROME'S LEGACY</u></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="256 317 792 422">❑ Based on the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth and spread by his disciples (followers)</li><li data-bbox="256 430 792 535">❑ Taught that people should treat others well and seek forgiveness for their sins to achieve salvation</li><li data-bbox="256 543 792 648">❑ Spread throughout the Roman world, especially after Constantine became Christian</li><li data-bbox="256 657 792 762">❑ The Christian church began as small close-knit groups and became more complex as time passed</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="880 317 1409 422">❑ Engineering and architecture techniques influenced later building practices</li><li data-bbox="880 430 1409 535">❑ Art and literature influenced how people thought and wrote for centuries</li><li data-bbox="880 543 1409 648">❑ Latin developed into the Romance languages and influenced English</li><li data-bbox="880 657 1409 762">❑ Roman civil law is the basis for many of the world's modern law codes</li></ul>