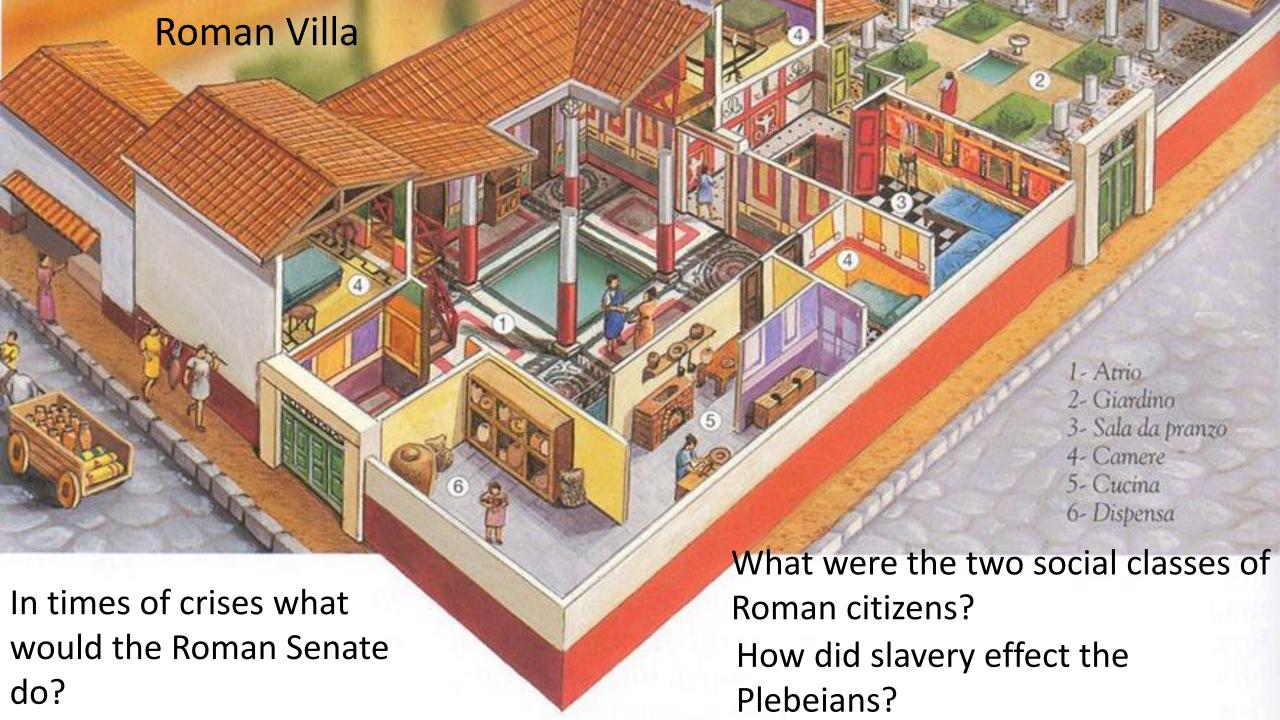


• DO NOW: What was the Roman Republic?

Aim: How did Rome become an empire?

### From Republic to Empire

 As Rome grew, the gap between rich and poor grew wider. Many of Rome's rich landowners lived on huge estates. Thousands of enslaved persons many of whom had been captured peoples in various wars—were forced to work on these estates. By 100 B.C., enslaved persons formed perhaps onethird of Rome's population. Small farmers found it difficult to compete with the large estates run by the labor of enslaved people. Many of these farmers were former soldiers. A large number of them sold their lands to wealthy landowners and became homeless and jobless. Most stayed in the countryside and worked as seasonal migrant laborers. Some headed to Rome and other cities looking for work. They joined the ranks of the urban poor, a group that totaled about one-fourth of Roman society.



## Julius Caesar

- Brilliant general
- Conquered Gaul (France) for Rome
- Fought with his men, they were dedicated to him







Pompey First Triumvirate - Caesar teamed up with Crassus and Pompey to dominate the Republic as the First Triumvirate

 The Roman Senate worried that Caesar was becoming too popular and powerful

 They ordered him to disband his army and return to Rome

Caesar defied the order and marched his men across the Rubicon River, and into Rome Defeated other members of the triumvirate Took power and was named

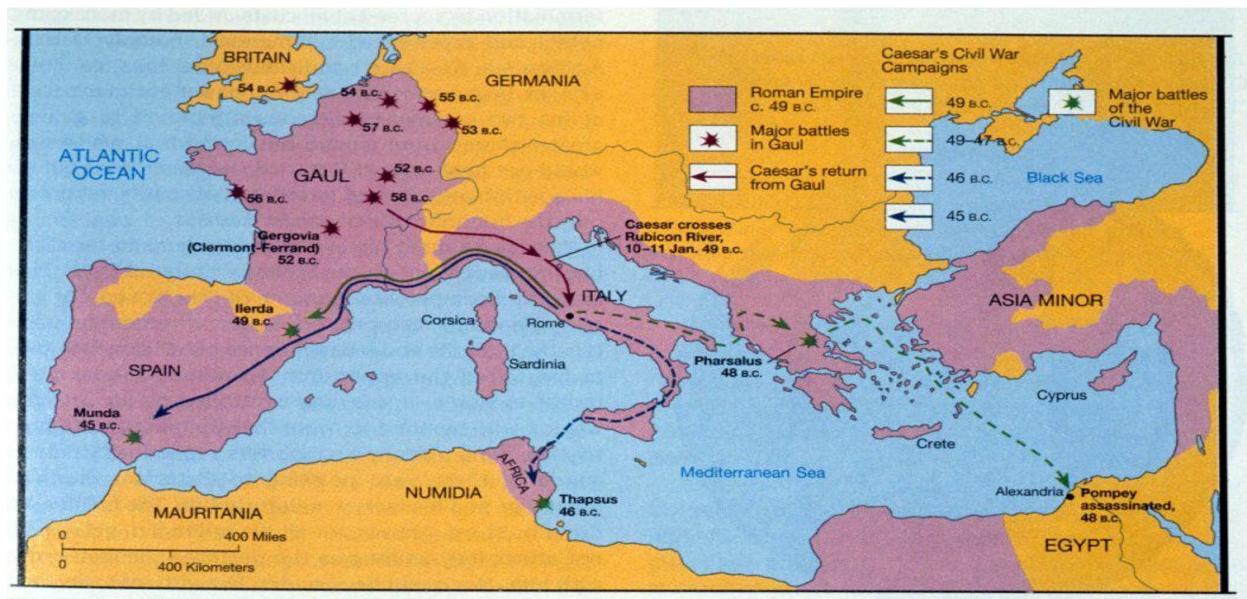
 dictator for life Ruled with total power

#### Caesar's Reforms

- Expanded citizenship to provinces
- Created jobs by building government buildings
- Increased soldiers' pay
- Very popular with the people



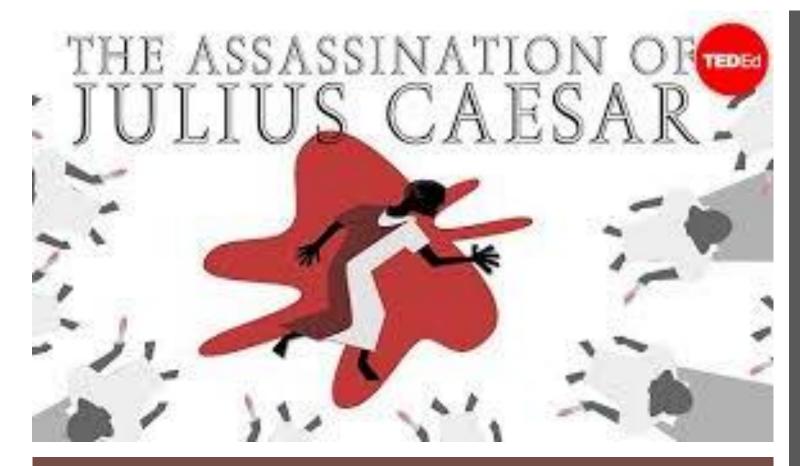
#### Rome under Caesar





Caesar Assassinated

- The Roman senate became worried about Caesar again
- Some considered him a tyrant
- Several Senators, including Marcus Brutus and Gaius Cassius, assassinated him by stabbing him to death (Ides of March)

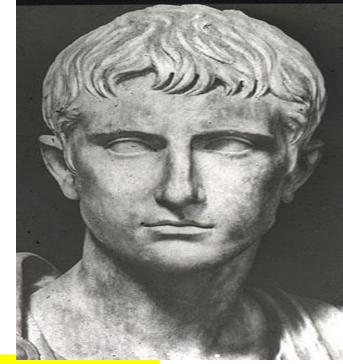


Video: Caesar Assassinated

- 1) What was the fundamental principle of the Roman Republic?
- 2) Why was Brutus convinced to lead the conspiracy against Caesar?
- 3) "Et tu, Brute?" Do these lines affect our reaction to Brutus or Caesar in any way?
- 4) Was Brutus a true patriot or an opportunistic traitor?

# Octavian/Augustus

- Caesar's nephew and adopted son
- was a Very shrewd politician
- After Caesar's assassination, Rome broke into civil war.
- Octavian emerged as one of the most powerful Romans



- Second Triumvirate Octavian teamed up with Lepidus and Mark Antony to defeat Caesar's enemies and take control of the Republic
- Eventually Octavian became the most powerful, defeating Antony and his Egyptian ally Cleopatra. (Antony and Cleopatra then committed suicide together). He then forced Lepidus into exile.
- When Augustus defeated Antony, he became Rome's first emperor
- Maintained power through control of the army and through favors
- While the institutions of the republic remained, they had little real power

# Augustus

Emperor	Accomplishments	Failures
Augustus	He was a hardworking and honest father figure  He stopped civil war from happening  He made Rome safe and Beautiful  He emphasized the arts and learning  He organized Rome's leadership	A moral crusade that was ineffective  Failed to secure the northern border