

Chapter 11: Mediterranean Society – The Roman Phase

Historical Thinking Skills Questions

From Kingdom to Republic (Pages 260-264)

1. **Change Over Time**: Describe how the Roman government was set up and operated during the time of the Republic, including the various positions that existed. How did the government change over time to accommodate issues and problems between the classes?
2. **Cause – Effect**: What were the causes and effects of the conflict between Rome and its North African rival Carthage which culminated in the Punic Wars?

From Republic to Empire (Pages 265-271)

1. What were the “latifundi”? Why did they represent a problem for Roman society?
2. **Cause – Effect**: What were the things that caused Julius Caesar to be well known and extremely popular in Rome? And, what effect did this have?
3. Why was the role of Octavian Augustus significant? Why is he considered the first “emperor” of Rome?
4. Define “Pax Romana”
5. Why were Roman roads such an important feature of the Pax Romana?
6. What were the key features of law and the legal system that developed in Rome?