

Guided Reading Activity



The Romans

Lesson 3 *The Early Roman Empire*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea and answer the questions below. Refer to your textbook to write the answers.

A. Main Idea: Augustus's new political system allowed the emperor to select his successor from his natural or adopted family.

1. What was the Pax Romana, and when did it take place?

2. How did Hadrian protect the Roman Empire's borders?

3. What were the chief economic activities of Romans?

B. Main Idea: After they conquered Greece, the Romans began to adopt many aspects of Greek culture. By adapting Greek styles, the Romans spread Greco-Roman civilization throughout their empire.

1. What aspects of Greek culture did the Romans adopt? What innovations did they initiate?

2. When was the golden age of Latin literature, and who were its most distinguished writers?

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C. Main Idea: Roman society was structured around the family, headed by the paterfamilias—the dominant male.

1. When did Roman women begin to enjoy freedom and independence? How did their lives change?

2. Why did Rome have more slaves than any other ancient society?

3. Where did rich Romans live? Where did the poor live?

D. Main Idea: Roman priests observed rituals to honor the gods.

1. What was the Roman attitude toward religion?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How was the early Roman Empire different from the Roman Republic?
