

Rome after punic wars

-after punic wars slaves were captured and worked on latifundias (huge estates)

-plebeian class consisted mostly of returning soldiers because they did not have home or jobs

-Rich romans became corrupt with money this led to civil war

2 brothers

-tiberius and grochus tried to help the poor by giving land and limiting estate size

Julius & triumvirate and murder of Julius

Triumvirate

-first triumvirate consisted of julius ceaser, crassus and pompey

-ceaser became absolute ruler of rome

-ceaser added his friends to the senate for political power

-created jobs for poor and raised soldiers pay

murder

-Senate thought Ceaser was trying to ruin republic and be a dictator

-Ceaser continued adding more senators to senate to attempt and take over senate

-Ceaser granted citizenship to greeks which angered Romans

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Vast and powerful empire of imperial rome

-octavian, adopted son of Ceaser, accepts title of augustus

-Pax Rome: 207 years of complete peace in rome

Economy & government of Pax rome

economy

-agriculture is VERY important

-empire used uniform silver coin called denarius which made trade easier

-denarius comes from persian - thinking

-roads connecting persia and russia -

government

-Augustus stabilized frontier, glorified rome with architecture, and set up civil service

-peace and prosperity depended on orderly transfer of power

