

Aim: How did Rome establish a Republic?

I Geography

- a. Located on a peninsula
- b. 3 surrounding islands
- c. located near the Tiber River built on 7 hills for protection
- d. It was also a strategic location, center of trade and commerce

II Early Civilizations

1. 1500–1000 BCE Indo-Europeans migrate to Rome (spoke Latin)
2. 800-500 BCE Greeks and Etruscans migrate to Italy
3. Etruscans turned Rome into a city
4. Greek culture blended into Rome
5. art, architecture, literature, alphabet, olives and grapes all transferred to Rome
6. 509 BCE Romans drive out foreigners, begin independent rule

III Republic

- a. Landowners and aristocrats had the power
- b. 300 man senate was center of gov't
- c. Senators were patricians (a member of one of the original citizen families of ancient Rome)
- d. 2 **Consuls** elected annually (they are chief civil and military magistrates)
- e. **Tribune** charged with protection of lives and property of plebeians (commoner)

IV Social Class

- a. Patricians- aristocrats, landowners, senators, MOST POWER
- b. Plebeians- common people
 - Little say in gov't, no intermarriage
 - Had their own assembly

V Law Code

- a. 451 Twelve Tables were a system of laws that were created to organize prosecution for crimes and trials
- b. Also used to protect plebeians from abusive patricians
- c. Use of judges

VI Military

- a. Romans skilled in battle and allies can become citizens
- b. Superior discipline, high values, courage
- c. Phalanx was used
- d. Roman Legion 3000-6000 men