

Aim: How did Rome become an imperial power?

We try to look at why Rome became an imperial power. Historians are responsible for sharing different perspectives on certain events; many historians believe that the Romans established a world of peace and order throughout the world (Pax Romana). Others believe that they had a lust for power; they use brutality and force to gain control over many lands.

I Punic Wars

1. Rome was imperialistic
2. They wanted to dominate weaker countries that surrounded the Roman Empire

II City of Corinth

1. Greek city state planned to rally against Rome
2. 146 BCE the Romans enter Corinth
3. Romans kill men, enslave women and children
4. They destroyed the city and sent all the riches to Rome
5. This was done as a warning to other countries

III Siege of Jerusalem

- a. 63 BCE Jerusalem becomes a Roman province
- b. Zealots *** Jews that Rebelled against Romans
- c. 66 AD Romans destroy Jewish temples, Burn down city
- d. Romans murdered men and women, and enslave thousands
- e. Built wall around city
- f. Jews fought one another, thousands died due to famine and disease
- g. Jews flee Jerusalem
- h. Diaspora- indication for the Jews living outside the land of Israel.

** Quote from Caesar a year before his death

"It is more important for Rome than for myself that I should survive. I have long been sated with power and glory; but should anything happen to me, Rome will enjoy no peace. A new Civil War will break out under far worse conditions than the last"

Rome had no laws of succession