

Aim: Why did the Roman Empire decline?

Notes

I End of the Republic

- a. Conquest brought money and corruption
- b. Rise in new wealthy class, huge estates –Latifundia
- c. Poor farmers had no land
- d. Large gap between rich and poor
- e. Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus: patricians that attempt to reform Rome
- f. Tiberius was assassinated for it, Gaius committed suicide
- g. Senate favored the wealthy
- h. 80-31 BCE -50 years of civil wars

II Triumvirate

- a. 60 BCE Crassius, Pompey, Caesar
- b. Senate wants Pompey
- c. Civil War Pompey vs. Caesar
- d. Caesar wins and is named dictator for life

III Julius Caesar

1. Military commander
2. Veni, Vedi, Vici, -----I came, I saw, I conquered
3. added Gaul to empire
4. Courts and law improved
5. He gave property to the poor
6. Created jobs through public works
7. 365 day calendar
8. Limited the senates power

IV Assassination

- a. March 15th 44 BCE
- b. Senate sees him as a despot
- c. 60 senators plot and stab him 23 times
- d. E Tu Brute