

Ancient Rome DBQ

Livy, *History of Rome*

“Not without reason did gods and men choose this spot for the site of our city—the hills, the river to bring us produce from the inland regions and seaborne commerce from abroad, the sea itself, near enough for convenience yet not so near as to bring danger from foreign fleets, our situation in the very heart of Italy—all these advantages make it of all places in the world the best for a city destined to grow great.”

- Excerpt from Livy's *History of Rome*

Document-Based Questions: Please answer each question using complete sentences, based on the reading selection and your knowledge of social studies.

1. What did Livy mean when he wrote that Rome's location was chosen by "gods and men"?
2. Why did Livy believe that the Tiber River and Mediterranean Sea were beneficial to Rome?
3. Name three major modern cities that are located at the mouths of rivers.