

What was Carthage?

- Powerful city located near present-day Tunis, Tunisia, along the Mediterranean coast of Africa
 Phoenician colony founded in the 8th century BCE
 Punic is Latin for Phoenician
- Carthage had a large commercial empire
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 Great harbor at Carthage

 Phoenician tradition of sailing and trading

 Controlled trade in the western Mediterranean

 Carthaginian trading empire spread to islands of
 Corsica, Sardinia, and western Sicily, along with
 southern Iberian peninsula (modern-day Spain)
- Major rival of Rome

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Slide 4 Where did Carthaginian power lie? Navy – Very large Phoenician sailing tradition • Army - Mercenaries (hired soldiers) Government - Oligarchy - ruled by the wealthy elites (those made rich through trade)

• 264-241 BCE • Fought over Sicily • Rome won

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First Punic War (264-241 BCE)

How many Punic wars were there?

218-201 BCE
 Rome challenged Carthaginian expansion in Iberia (Spain)
 Rome won

Rome feared Carthage was again becoming a threat
 Rome attacked Carthage and obliterated the threat for good

- Carthage and Rome fought for 23 years over control of Sicily

- Sicily

 Strengths

 Roman strength army

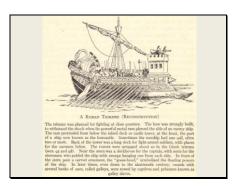
 Carthaginian strength navy

 Rome's solution build up its navy

 Built four fleets, each destroyed in turn, before mastering naval warfare

 Rome's new weapon grappling hook

- Lashed ships together
 Forced ship crews to fight one another on deck
 Hand-to-hand fighting was a Roman strength
 Rome won Sicily became a province of Rome



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In the meantime...

Rome

- Rome came to control Corsica and Sardinia
- Rome conquered the Gauls of the Po River Valley

Carthage

- Carthage recovered from its defeat by Rome
- Carthage started expanding in Iberia (Spain)

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Second Punic War (218-201 BCE)

- Led 60,000 men and dozens of elephants through Spain, along the Mediterranean coast, through Gaul, and across the Alps to Italy
 Fought in Italy for 15 years, winning many battles
 Battle of Cannae (216 BCE)
 Romans lost over 50,000 soldiers
 But Hannibal could not capture the city of Rome

- Rome: General Sciplo

 Led an army against Carthaginian liberia (Spain)

 Then led an army against Carthagististef

 Then returned to Italy to defend the city of Rome
 Battle of Zama (202 BCE)

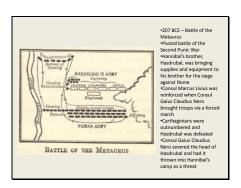
 Hannibal's first and only defeat

 Hannibal scaped and returned to Carthage

 Carthage lost its fleet, Iberia (Spain), and the larger part of its territory in northern Africa



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In the meantime...

Carthage

Carthage rebuilt its trading networks and commercial power

Rome

- Rome felt threatened by competition from Carthage
 Senator Cato ended all of his speeches with the warning: "Carthago delenda est!" ("Carthage must be destroyed!")

Third Punic War (149-146 BCE) • 300 noble children to be given to Rome as hostages Carthage to be destroyed and rebuilt away from the coast · Carthage had no mercenaries Forced to defend their own city Roman siege was successful Romans burnt Carthage to the ground – became Roman province Men killed; women and children sold into slavery

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Results of the Punic Wars: **During and After**

Rome and Carthage had been what you might call the "superpowers" of the Mediterraean at the time

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 Rome's defeat of Carthage left
 Rome as the only remaining
 "superpower"

 It was much easier for Rome to
 conquer the rest of the
 Mediterranean once Carthage
 was out of the way

- Rome went on to conquer the remnants of Alexander the Great's empire in Eurasia
- Fighting among the Greek city-states

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 Rome took over, ending Greek independence (146 BCE)

 Kingdom of Pergamum

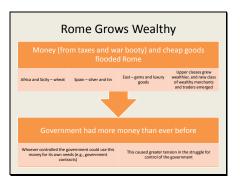
 In modern-day Turkey

 Under Roman rule in 133 BCE

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Provincial Governments

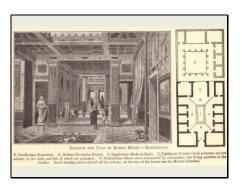
- Each conquered area was a province of Rome
 - Proconsuls
 - Each province was governed by a Roman proconsul
 - Typically a member of the patrician (noble) class
 - More often than not these were corrupt
 - Publicans
 - Publicans were tax collectors
 - Became a publican by auctioning for the job
 - Squeezed as much money out of conquered peoples as they could



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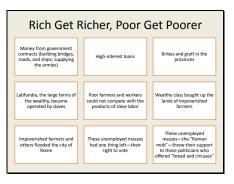
Old Roman Values Diminish Roman Army Originally, it was staffed by volunteers Professional army lacked the former volunteer fighting spirit Old Roman Values Morals and Values Corruption replaced dedication to public service Pursuit of luxury, pleasure, and soft living replaced hard work, patriotism, and simplicity

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Pros • Wealth • From trade • From to of most of the Mediterranean • Control of most of the Mediterranean • These problems ultimately ended the "Republic" and led to the "Empire"

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Review Questions

- 1. Where was the city of Carthage located?
- 2. What was the basic, underlying cause of all of the Punic wars?
- 3. Describe the military actions of Hannibal.
- 4. Why was it easier for Rome to expand following the defeat of Carthage?
- 5. How did Rome grow wealthy as its territory expanded?
- 6. How was the "Roman mob" created?