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The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire



A Roman Triumph

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ROMAN DOMINIONS
at the Death of Julius Caesar
44 B.C.

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What was the Roman Empire?

- There were two periods of Roman government.
 - Roman Republic
 - 509 BCE-30 BCE
 - Roman Empire
 - 30 BCE-476 CE
- Rome technically had an “empire” under the Roman Republic.
 - But the term “Roman Empire” refers to the time period, beginning with Augustus, when Rome was ruled by **emperors**.

Review Questions

1. Who split the empire into two halves, and why?
2. Explain the relationship between Emperor Constantine and Christianity.
3. Describe the accomplishments of Emperor Justinian.
4. When did the Western (Roman) and Eastern (Byzantine) empires officially end, and why?
5. Explain the economic, military, political, and social reasons for the fall of the Western Roman Empire.
6. Name and describe at least three contributions of Roman civilization to world history.
