The Roman Republic

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write T if a statement is true and F if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the correct term on the line after each sentence that makes the sentence a true statement.

1. According to legend, Cincinnatus was chosen as dictator to lead the Roman army and quickly defeated his foes in a single day.

2. Plebeians were the common people of Rome, a group that included the peasants, craftspeople, traders, and other workers.

3. Aeneas was a legendary hero from Troy who fled to Italy and formed an alliance with a group called the Latins that fought the other people of Italy.

4. In a republic, people elect leaders to represent them in government.

5. The richer, more powerful citizens of Rome were called the patricians and they were the only ones who could be elected to office.

6. Remus was killed by his twin brother in a fit of anger after they begin to fight.

7. A ruler with almost unlimited power is called a dictator.

8. After Romulus killed his brother, he named the city they built after him, Rome.
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Section 1

1. True
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. True
8. True

Section 2

1. forum
2. veto
3. magistrates
4. checks and balances
5. consuls
6. Latin
7. Senate

Section 3

1. Spartacus
2. Gaius Marius
3. legions
4. Hannibal
5. Lucius Cornelius Sulla
6. Punic Wars

Biography Spartacus

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
1. Spartacus was known for organizing a slave rebellion against the Romans.
2. The gladiators may have been forced to fight for entertainment because the Romans enjoyed going to the arena to witness battles and fights. The slaves did not have a choice because they were slaves.

ACTIVITY
Students’ epitaphs will vary.

Biography Scipio

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
1. Hannibal came to Africa to meet Scipio, and was defeated there.
2. After being charged with allegations of misconduct in public affairs, Scipio and his family lost influence on Rome.

ACTIVITY
Answers will vary.

Biography Cornelia

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?
1. Cornelia did not dress like other noblewomen did to display their wealth; Cornelia wrote and was constantly educating herself.
2. Cornelia may not have wanted to remarry because she wanted to keep the memory of her husband Tiberius alive, and preferred to educate herself and her children.

ACTIVITY
Answers will vary.

Literature Romulus and Remus

CALL OUT BOXES
1. The brothers grew up in a cave with wolves.
2. Answers will vary, but Numitor might have thought Faustulus would be upset at the thought of losing the sons he had raised, so Numitor did not want to say anything until he was sure of the boys’ identities.

ANALYZING LITERATURE
1. next to the Tiber River; because that is where the twins were found by the wolves
2. Answers will vary, but a possible response may be that Remus may become jealous.
3. Answers will vary.

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