

# ABOUT THIS PACKET

Each reading passage in this packet allows students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

## OVERVIEW

### THE CASE

Read the case aloud to your students so they understand the mission.

### QUESTIONS

There are 18 questions to be answered by reading the passage and marking the text evidence.

### CLUES

After answering each question, the students will **mark off** their answer choice on their answer sheet. After all questions have been answered, the suspect, evidence, and location will be revealed.

### GRADE LEVEL

### RANGE

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

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MIDDLE

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END

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BEGINNING

# ANCIENT ROME

According to legend, Rome was founded in 753 BCE by brothers Romulus and Remus. The two brothers were said to be twin sons of Mars, the Roman god of war. The story goes that the twins were left near the banks of the Tiber River as infants where they were rescued and raised by a wolf. The twins founded the city of Rome and fought over who would be king. Romulus killed his brother Remus and took the throne as the first king of Rome. Historians have determined that Rome began around 1000 BCE on Palatine Hill.

Rome had a king, but it also had a senate. The senate was a ruling body that worked together with the king to make laws and enforce them. The senate was also responsible for electing a king when the previous king died. After seven kings, though, Rome turned from a monarchy, or rule by king, into a republic. A republic is a country ruled by the people of that country.

Though Rome was now a republic and the people elected their officials, the officials were usually descendants of the original senate of Romulus. These men were wealthy politicians by nature. The common citizens, known as plebeians, were not happy being represented by people who were not in touch with the things that common, everyday people needed from their government. Over time, they were admitted into the senate and gained political power so that representation was more equal over the different people of Rome.

Rome had a powerful military force that grew rapidly beginning around 300 BCE. At the height of their power, Rome covered all of Italy in addition to most of continental Europe, Britain, Western Asia, the Mediterranean Islands, and much of Northern Africa. The Roman language of Latin was used throughout all of Rome.

After 450 years as a republic, the Roman Empire was ruled by an emperor, or Caesar. Julius Caesar gained popularity after military victories in Spain. Julius Caesar was elected to Consul in the Roman Republic when he

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Verloren



Apollon



Remus



Radda

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After \_\_\_ kings, Rome turned from a monarchy to a republic.



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What language was used throughout all of Ancient Rome?



Prussian



Greek



German



Latin

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By 44 BCE, \_\_\_ had defeated Mark Antony.



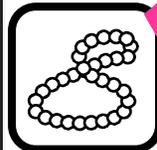
Caesar



Octavius



Antonius



Vespaasian

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Under Augustus, what were the peaceful times called?



Augustus Pax



Romulus Pax



Pax Remus



Pax Romana

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Romulus and Remus were said to be twin sons of \_\_\_\_.



Apollo



Caesar



Aphrodite



Mars

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At what age was Julius Caesar elected to Consul in the Roman Republic?



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Construction of the Colosseum began in 72 AD by \_\_\_\_, the emperor.



Cleopatra



Vespasian



Yves



Antonius

# CASE FILE

Cross out the images you use as an answer. What remains will solve the case!

SUSPECTS



LOCATION



EVIDENCE



CONGRATULATIONS

YOU SOLVED  
THE CASE!



LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

CONGRATULATIONS

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LEAD DETECTIVE NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_



# SPARK SOME

# *creativity*

**ESCAPE  
ROOMS**

**SCAVENGER  
HUNTS**

**SPY  
MYSTERY**

**TEXT  
DETECTIVE**

**SECRET  
MESSAGES**

**THINKTIVITY**

**BREAKOUTS**

**READING  
CHALLENGE**

**INTERACTIVE  
NOTEBOOK**

**DIGITAL  
ESCAPES**

**DIGITAL  
BOARD  
GAME**

**COLOR BY  
NUMBER**

**TASK  
CARDS  
GAME**

**GOOGLE  
SLIDES**

**GOOGLE  
FORMS**

**PUZZLE  
STATIONS**

**BOOM  
CARDS**

**BLOG**