

# 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
4	BEGINNING
4	MIDDLE
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

# ROMAN REPUBLIC

According to legend, Rome was founded by Romulus in 753 BC and remained a monarchy until the last king, Tarquin the Proud, was overthrown. As a result, the Roman Republic began and lasted almost five hundred years. Between 509 BC and 27 BC, the city-state of Rome was run as a republican government. Republican governments are representative democracies where the people of the nation are represented by elected officials.

Before 509 BC, the Roman people were ruled by a monarchy in central Italy. They did not appreciate a king making decisions for them. The king didn't understand what daily life was like for the people of Rome and when they were free of his rule, they decided to create a government run by a group of people instead of one king. The first written laws were known as the Twelve Tables. These laws stated the rights and duties of the Roman citizen and were written on bronze tablets in 451 BC.

The early Roman Republic only allowed wealthy citizens to be representatives to the assemblies, so the interests of the well-to-do citizens were seen to more than those of the poorer citizens. Over time, the poorer citizen class, known as the Plebians, began to protest. Their protests caught the attention of the wealthy citizens in the Roman Senate. Eventually, other assemblies of officials were created including the Plebian Council (Peoples Assembly), the Centuriate Assembly (the military class citizens), and the Tribal Assemblies (assemblies of tribal members who represented the interests of Rome's other citizens. All these assemblies worked together to create laws that would be fair for all of Rome's citizens: wealthy and poor, native and alien.

Over time, the Roman assemblies worked together so well that they were able to create a strong military force. The military force spread out from Rome and conquered nearby territories and cities that brought them into the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire blended their conquered territories and expanded their republican rule through the centuries of the

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What were the city officials called?



Censors



Consuls



Aristocrats



Patricians

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Before 509 BC, the Roman people were ruled by a \_\_\_\_\_.



Monarchy



Oligarchy



Anarchy



Confederation

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The Roman Republic lasted almost \_\_\_\_\_ years.



1000



925



750



500

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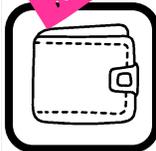
What was the Roman Council also known as?



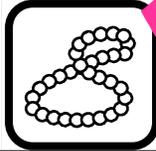
Centurion



People's Assembly



Consul



Tribal Assembly

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Who were the highest officials in Rome?



Censors



Proconsuls



Senators



Consuls

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Who was tasked with keeping track of the population?



Tribunes



Plebians



Aedile



Censors

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What Plebeian Council members could veto laws?



Proconsuls



Tribunes



Patricians



All of the above

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What were the first written laws of Rome known as?



Magna Carta



Twelve Tables



Nine Tablets



Bronze Age

# 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:

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# 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**