

Rome: Engineering an Empire—Part I

Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Who was murdered on March 15, 44 BC?
2. Why was he killed?
3. Why did Julius Caesar want to cross the Rhine River?
4. Why was the Rhine so important to the Germans?
5. Why was the making of the bridge such a big accomplishment?
6. What was the German response to Julius Caesar crossing the Rhine?
7. What is symbolic of Caesar going back to Rome as opposed to exploring more of Germania?
8. Who “founded” the city of Rome?
9. What did the “openness” of Rome create?
10. Which civilization did the Romans gain the most information from regarding technology?
11. What assisted in the transformation of Rome from a group of tribes to a consolidated city?
12. What is the Via Appia?
13. Who was Julius Caesar’s successor and Rome’s first emperor?
14. Why did people of conquered areas adopt Roman ideas and culture?
15. What was the most life altering achievement of Rome’s engineers to its citizens?
16. What did the aqueducts do?
17. Why were aqueducts important to the growth of Rome?
18. Which emperor had the most impact on Rome’s water supply?
19. How did Claudius get the guards to proclaim him emperor?
20. What is the keystone?
21. Who did Claudius marry? What was her main intent in marrying him?
22. Who succeeded Claudius?
23. What “natural” disaster destroyed part of the city of Rome?
24. What did Nero hope to do with the land he obtained from the fire?
25. How was Rome able to grow and have huge building projects?
26. Who declared Nero a public enemy?
27. Who killed Nero?
28. What did the guards symbolically do to Nero’s new palace after his death/
29. After Nero’s death, rule of the Roman Empire was up for grabs. Who was able to succeed him?
30. Why was Vespasian different from Nero?
31. What did he create for the people and where did he symbolically create it?
32. Who actually built the Coliseum?
33. How long did it take to create?
34. Who led the inaugural celebration of the Coliseum?