

Grade 3

Unit 4: *The Ancient Roman Civilization*



Unit-level Essential Question

How did Rome expand into an empire?

Lessons 1–5

Guiding Question: What were the characteristics of the Roman gods and goddesses?

Writing Prompt: Based on what you have learned about the Roman gods, why do you think Romulus and Remus's uncle, the king of Latium, was threatened by the two sons of Mars?

Lessons 6–10

Guiding Question: Why was Julius Caesar one of Rome's most influential leaders?

Writing Prompt: How did Julius Caesar feel about technology? What was his preferred way of using it?

Lessons 11–15

Guiding Question: What led to the collapse of the Roman Empire?

Writing Prompt: Why would a book like *Justinian's Code* be important for an empire like Rome?

Unit 4 Culminating Activity

Should the Roman Empire have stayed in one piece, or was it a good idea to split into the Western and Eastern Empires? In this speech, you will be one of the leaders of Rome, and you need to convince your fellow leaders (your class) of your opinion. How will you persuade them to stay in one piece or split up?