

Roman History Unit Plan Overview

I. Unit Focus

Unit Topical Overview

This unit builds on the previous unit on Greece to extend the Greco-Roman concept. This unit will build on the overarching theme that through the 1000 year history of the Roman civilization, the Romans created and maintained an empire, and made other fundamental contributions to the current western culture. The unit will draw comparisons and influences on the culture of the western world today, specifically the United States.

Unit Evaluation Overview

There will be several traditional short essay quizzes on the topical EQs, vocabulary, timelines and geography. The unit's major evaluation will be based in a unit portfolio as completed (with some modifications) and a News Report from History in either a video or news article format

Unit Enduring Understanding

The Roman civilization lasted 1000 years by perfecting Greek ideas and therefore had the major influence on the Present U.S.

Unit EQ:

Why did the Roman civilization last so long?

Themes /Topics/Topical EQs

1. Eras of civilization

What are the eras of Roman civilization and will the U.S.A. last as long with its own eras?

2. Military Force to create empires

Why do civilizations expand through war?

3. Empires establish/ replace language and culture

Why/how is language a unifying force in culture?

4. Architectural advancements improve life for all people

What motivates people to build better structures and provide better public services?

5. Fair legal and political systems are essential for the common good

Why is government for/by the people and fair laws so rare in world history and why are they more common now?

6. Entertainment

What role did violence play in entertainment in Rome and is violence part of today's entertainment?