Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire Notes

- The city of Rome was a dangerous place during the late republic (100BCE – 50BCE)

- Politics were not working anymore – Generals were fighting for control of the city
  
  - Checks and Balances were no longer followed
  
  - There were riots and violence all over the city

- People still came to the city to live there
  
  - More and more confusion and violence

- Cicero – Roman philosopher and orator

- Cicero tried to change Rome for the better
  
  - Believed the Senate should be more powerful
  
  - Checks and Balances needed to return

- Roman generals did not listen and attempted to take more power

- The most powerful Roman general was Julius Caesar

- Caesar was a great general and a orator
  
  - Citizens and his soldiers loved him

- Caesar conquered most of Gaul (modern-day France)

- Caesar made an alliance with a man named Pompey so they could rule Rome together

- After 10 years, Pompey wanted Caesar to give up his power

- Caesar marched his army into Rome (illegal)

- Pompey ran away
  
  - Caesar caught him quickly

- Caesar returned to Rome and named himself dictator for life

- Four years later Caesar was killed by several aristocrats
  
  - March 15
  
  - “Et tu Brute”
• Marc Antony and Octavian came to power next
  o Hunted down Caesar’s assassins

• Octavian returned to Rome, Antony went to fight Rome’s enemies

• Antony married Octavian’s sister, Octavia
  o Divorced her 8 years later to marry Cleopatra

• Octavian was insulted and wanted to kill Antony

• A civil war began in Rome
  o Between Antony and Octavian

• Octavian’s navy fought Antony’s navy at the Battle of Actium (by Greece)
  o Octavian won the battle

• Antony fled to Egypt
  o There he committed suicide with Cleopatra to avoid prison

• Octavian becomes the sole ruler of Rome

• He gained more power and named himself princeps
  o Princeps = first citizen

• 27BCE – Senate named Octavian “Augustus”
  o Augustus = revered one

  o This is end of Roman Republic; start of Roman Empire

• “I found Rome a city of bricks and I left it a city of marble”

• Augustus and later Emperors worked to conquer more land
  o Some people conquered because they were threats to Rome
  o Some people conquered because they had resources

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