



THE FOUNDING OF ROME

Essential Question:



**HOW WAS ROME
FOUNDED?**

(1) **WHAT ATTRACTED THE LATIN PEOPLE TO THE ITALIAN PENINSULA?**

- The Italian Peninsula is surrounded by water on three sides
- It is shaped like a BOOT, and sticks out into the Mediterranean Sea
- The Apennines mountain range runs along the peninsula
- Some of the mountains were once VOLCANOES, when they erupted, the ash made the soil EXCELLENT



- (2)
- The climate on the peninsula is very MILD, making for a long growing season
 - The good conditions caused many people to settle anciently on the peninsula, some of them were Greeks
 - In about 1000 B.C., many people from Europe migrated to the Italian peninsula, they became known as the LATINS
 - They settled on seven hills to the south of the Tiber River, this area would later be known as ROME



- (3)
- The early people on the peninsula were herders and farmers
 - They raised cattle, sheep, pigs and GOATS
 - They grew wheat, olives, and grapes
 - Their villages were often built on HILLSIDES so they could see enemies coming



**WHAT ATTRACTED THE LATIN
PEOPLE TO THE ITALIAN
PENINSULA?**



(4) WHAT CULTURES INFLUENCED THE ROMANS?

- Surrounding the Seven Hills were other groups of people; the ETRUSCANS lived to the north, they were traders and ironworkers
- The Greeks who settled on the peninsula spread their culture throughout the region
- The Etruscans and the Greeks traded with each other, they traveled through the LATIN region to do so



- (5)
- In 750 B.C., the Latin villages united to create the city of ROME
 - The Romans borrowed the Greek RELIGION, just changing the names, they also borrowed language and architecture

Greek	Roman	Role
Hera	Juno	Chief Goddess - marriage
Aphrodite	Venus	Goddess of beauty
Artemis	Diana	Goddess of hunting
Athena	Minerva	Goddess of wisdom
Demeter	Ceres	Goddess of the harvest, nature
Hestia	Vesta	Goddess of the hearth
Zeus	Juptier	Chief God - sky and air
Apollon	Apollo	God of poetry, music, Sun
Ares	Mars	God of war
Hephaistos	Vulcan	God of blacksmiths
Hermes	Mercury	Messenger of the gods
Poseidon	Neptune	God of the sea





**WHAT TWO CULTURES
INFLUENCED THE ROMANS?**

(6)

DESCRIBE THE LEGEND OF HOW ROME BEGAN.

- The story of how Rome was founded is based upon a LEGEND:
- The Latin king's cruel brother took the throne by force, when the real king's daughter gave birth to TWINS, Romulus and Remus, the king feared they would take back the throne, so he had them thrown into a river



- (7)
- A mother WOLF saved the boys from being drowned in the river
 - The twins grew up and won back the throne, the boys argued over what to call their new city, Remus was killed and the new city was called Rome, with ROMULUS being the first ruler



- (8)
- The seven hills that would become Rome surround a flat piece of land called the FORUM
 - A forum is a public square in ancient Roman cities, similar to a MARKET PLACE
 - In the 600's, the Romans began to move down from the mountains to the flat land
 - The kings of Rome began large building projects in this flat area, like roads and TEMPLES



- (9)
- Rome's LOCATION made it perfect for trade with other cultures
 - They had easy access to the OCEAN, and they could use the river to transport goods
 - They would eventually gain control of all the trade routes in the MEDITERRANEAN





[Romulus and Remus video](#) 2 min



**DESCRIBE THE LEGEND OF
HOW ROME BEGAN.**

(10) **HOW DID THE ETRUSCAN KINGS INFLUENCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROME?**

- The Latin people were the first to rule Rome, but the Etruscans were growing **POWERFUL** in the north
- The Etruscans were wealthier and better **TRADERS** than the Latins
- The Etruscans had city-states similar to the Greeks, they also had the same system of government
- Each Etruscan city-state had an **ELECTED** king
- Twelve of these city-states united their governments to form a **CONFEDERATION**



- (11) ● The Etruscan confederation eventually expanded into the Roman territory
- Romans had already ACCEPTED the Etruscan lifestyle, so when the Roman king, Ancus Marcius, died in 616 B.C., an Etruscan, Tarquinius Priscus, took over
 - The Etruscan kings ruled Rome WELL, they expanded the city's walls and paved the streets of Rome
 - The Etruscans also built a SEWER SYSTEM, they also expanded the territory of Rome



(12)

- The Etruscans organized Rome's territories into DISTRICTS, these were easier to manage and easier to defend, they also organized an ARMY
- Rome's location was perfect, they had borrowed most of their ACHIEVEMENTS from other civilizations and the Etruscan's rule had made them strong
- Rome was now ready to begin expanding their territory further





**WHAT INFLUENCE DID THE
ETRUSCAN KINGS HAVE ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROME?**

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