

### 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
 <u>VOLCANOES</u>, when they erupted,
 the ash made the soil <u>EXCELLENT</u>



The climate on the peninsula is very <u>MILD</u>, 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** 



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• 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









# (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 <u>LATIN</u> region to do so



- 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





# 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



- A mother <u>WOLF</u> 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



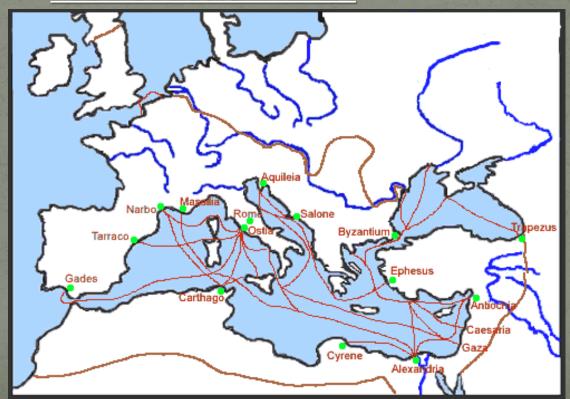




- The seven hills that would become Rome surround a flat piece of land called the <u>FORUM</u>
  - A forum is a public square in ancient Roman cities, similar to a **MARKET PLACE**
  - In the 600's, the Romans began to move down from the mountains to the flat land
  - The kings of Rome began large building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



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





Romulus and Remus video 2 min



### (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 <u>TRADERS</u> 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 <u>ACCEPTED</u> 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 <u>WELL</u>, they expanded the city's walls and paved the streets of Rome

• The Etruscans also built a <u>SEWER SYSTEM</u>, they also expanded the territory of Rome

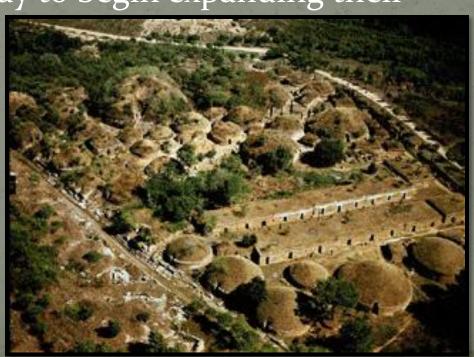


- The Etruscans organized Rome's territories into <u>DISTRICTS</u>, these were easier to mange and easier to defend, they also organized an <u>ARMY</u>
  - Rome's location was perfect, they had borrowed most of their <u>ACHIEVEMENTS</u> from other civilizations and the Etruscan's rule had made them strong

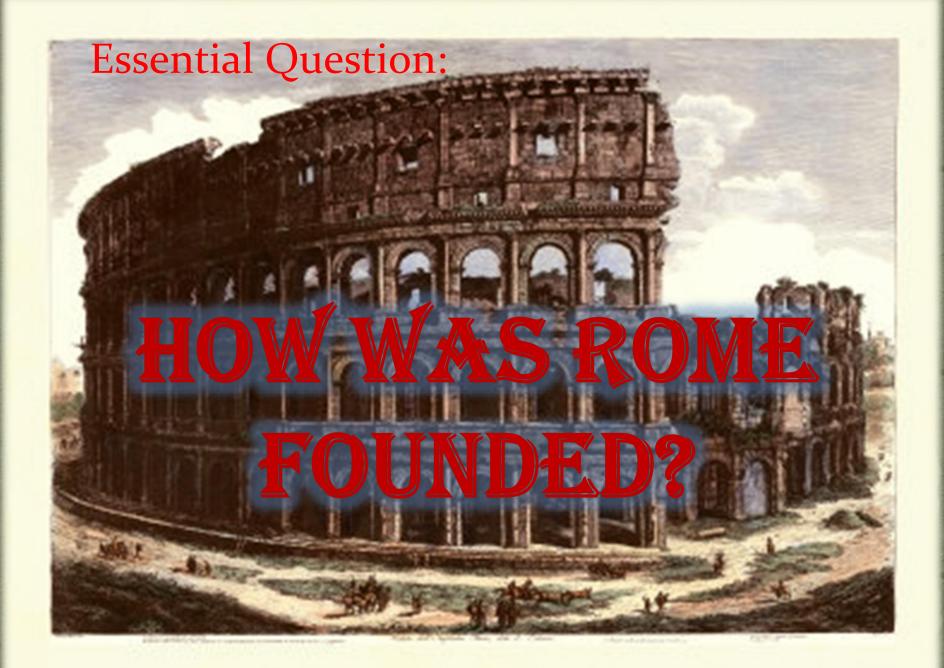
• Rome was now ready to begin expanding their

territory further









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