

The Legacy of Rome in the Modern World

To what extent does ancient Rome influence us today?

P R E V I E W

How much do you think ancient Rome influences modern culture? For each statement in the matrix below, circle the level of influence you think exists today for that aspect of Roman culture. If you can, give a specific example to support your opinion.

Aspect of Culture	Extent of Influence	Supporting Example
Roman art influences us today.	Not at All Barely Moderately Greatly	
Roman architecture and engineering influence us today.	Not at All Barely Moderately Greatly	
Roman language influences us today.	Not at All Barely Moderately Greatly	
Roman philosophy and law influence us today.	Not at All Barely Moderately Greatly	

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

Byzantine Empire
patron

Renaissance
triumphal arch

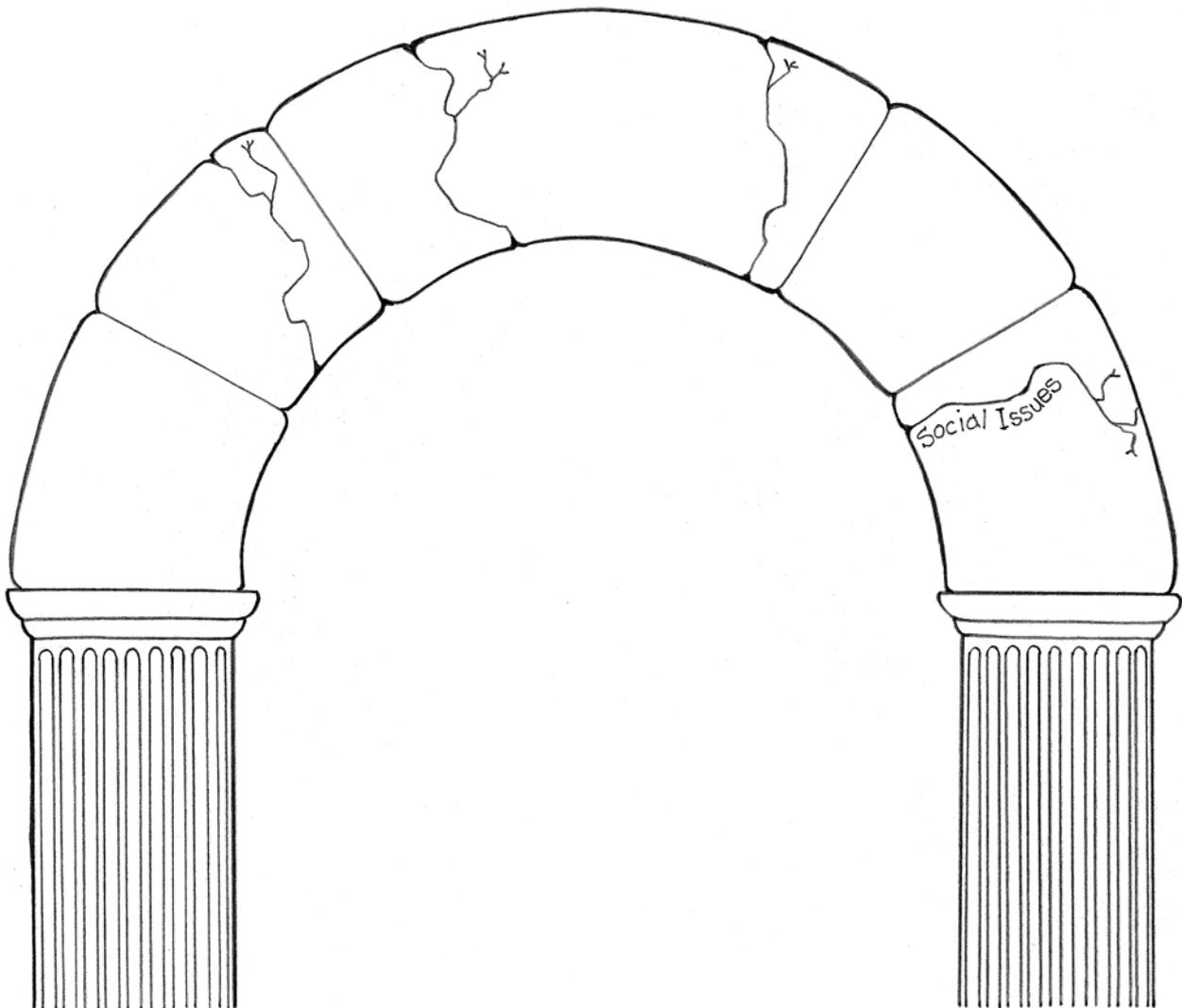
aqueduct
Latin

Stoicism
natural law

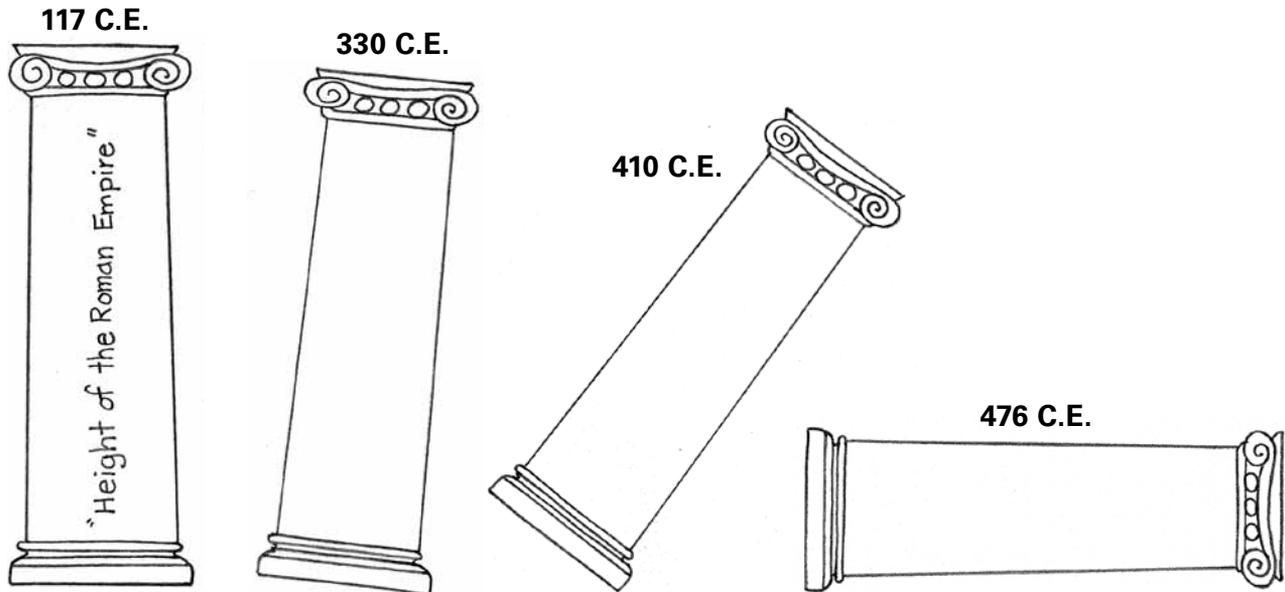
Section 2

After reading Section 2, complete the following tasks:

1. On each “crack” in the arch below, write one of the problems that caused the Roman Empire to decline and fall. One has been done for you. Then draw a symbol or illustration to represent the problem.



2. For each date and blank column below, describe the event that led to the collapse of the western Roman Empire.



3. On the map below, follow these steps to show what became of the eastern Roman Empire.

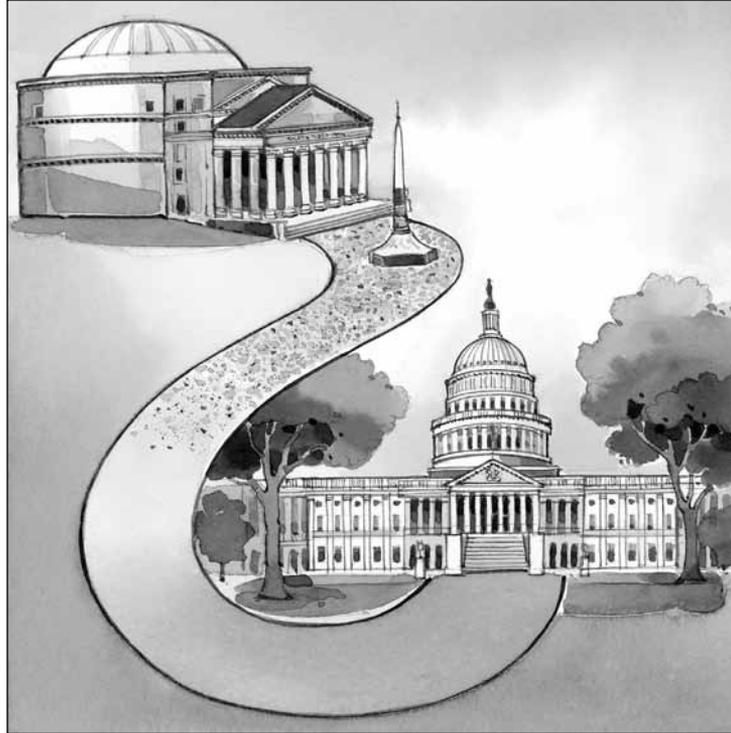
- Label the city of Rome.
- Draw an arrow from Rome to the new city that Emperor Constantine made his capital, Constantinople. Label it.
- Color and label the Byzantine Empire.

The Remains of the Roman Empire, About 500 C.E.



Sections 3 to 6

After reading each of Sections 3 to 6 in *History Alive! The Ancient World*, answer the corresponding questions in complete sentences.



Section 3

1. Choose four types of Roman art that interest you. Write a short description of each type.

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2. What are some examples of how Roman art influences us today?

Section 4

1. Choose four Roman architectural and engineering achievements that impress you most. Write a short description of each achievement.
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2. What are some examples of how Roman architecture and engineering influence us today?

Section 5

1. How was the Latin alphabet of Rome different from the English alphabet today?
2. What Roman numerals are used for the numbers 1 through 10? How were the numbers 50, 100, 500, and 1,000 written by the Romans?
3. List some examples of how Roman language influences us today.

Section 6

1. Describe the three most important ideas in Roman philosophy and law.

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2. What are some examples of how Roman philosophy and law influence us today?

P R O C E S S I N G

To what extent do Roman achievements affect your community today—not at all, barely, moderately, or greatly? *On a separate sheet of paper*, write a strong thesis statement answering this question. Then list at least three pieces of evidence that support your thesis statement.

READING FURTHER

Preparing to Write: Being an Urban Planner

Urban planners who studied Pompeii asked themselves several questions that could apply to cities and towns in the United States today:

- Are there public spaces where people can gather?
- Do the buildings serve the needs of the people who live and work in them?
Do the buildings look as though they belong together?
- Is it convenient for people and vehicles to move around the city?

Think of two more questions that would help you determine whether you would find a city “livable.”

Example: Are there playgrounds and sports facilities for young people?

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2.

Is Your Town or City Well Planned?

Use the planners’ questions and your own questions to think about whether your town or city is well planned. Write down which features show good urban planning and which do not.

Good Planning	Poor Planning

Writing a Business Letter

Write a letter to your municipal planning commission. Introduce yourself as a resident of your community. Tell your officials why some features of your city or town show good planning. Then suggest how other features could be improved. Use the ideas on the previous page to guide you in writing your letter. Organize your letter in a way that presents your ideas clearly. Use good paragraph and sentence structure.

Use this rubric to evaluate your letter. Make changes to your work if you need to.

Score	Description
3	Relevant examples of good and poor planning are provided. Suggestions for improvement are included. There are no spelling or grammar errors.
2	Somewhat relevant examples of good and poor planning are provided. Some suggestions for improvement are included. There are some spelling or grammar errors.
1	Few or no relevant examples of good and poor planning are provided. Few or no suggestions for improvement are included. There are many spelling or grammar errors.

Timeline Skills

Analyze the Unit 6 timeline in your book. Also think about what you have learned in this unit. Then answer the following questions.

1. About how long after Rome was founded was the Roman Republic formed?
2. How was the Roman Republic created?
3. For about how many years did the plebeians rebel against patrician rule?
What was accomplished?
4. Did Rome conquer Italy before or after it conquered Carthage?
5. When were the Punic Wars fought?
6. Of Julius Caesar, Augustus, and Constantine, who was the last to rule Rome?
7. During whose rule did the Pax Romana happen?
8. According to the timeline, who helped spread Christianity, and how did he do it?
9. When did Rome allow Christians the freedom to openly worship?
10. About how many miles of roads did Roman workers construct?

