



## EARLY PEOPLES

# Ancient Romans

*Ancient Romans* examines the rise to power of ancient Rome, its glorious empire and civilization, and its eventual decline.

### What did you learn?

#### QUESTIONS

1. The earliest settlement in Rome was on a hill named ...
  - a. Palatine
  - b. Capitoline
  - c. Etruscatine
  - d. Tarquin
2. Roman temples typically had a triangular pediment that was supported by decorative ...
  - a. Arches
  - b. Ropes
  - c. Columns
  - d. Walls
3. For everyday matters, Roman people wrote on ...
  - a. Codices
  - b. Stone
  - c. Papyrus
  - d. Wax Tablets
4. The East Roman Empire's capital was located at ...
  - a. Rome
  - b. Latium
  - c. The Vatican
  - d. Constantinople
5. What year was Julius Caesar killed?
6. According to Roman legend, the city of Rome was founded by two twin brothers. One was called Romulus. What was the name of the other brother?

#### TRUE OR FALSE?

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| _____ 1. Sicily was Rome's first province.  | _____ 4. Some Roman statues were brightly painted.                |
| _____ 2. At the Roman Empire's height, most of the population did not have to farm. | _____ 5. Romans could not be married until they turned 20.        |
| _____ 3. The early Roman calendar only had 10 months.                               | _____ 6. The best known racetrack was the Circus Minimus in Rome. |



## ANSWERS

- 1. a. Palatine.** According to section "Origins" on page 6, we know that "Rome was founded on seven hills, and the earliest settlement in Rome was on the Palatine (*PAL uh tin*) Hill—the centermost of the seven." So, the correct answer is A.
- 2. c. Columns.** According to section "Roman Architecture" on page 30, we know that "Romans based the design of their temples on those of the Greeks, with a sloping roof over a triangular pediment (*PEHD uh muhnt*) that was supported by decorative columns." So, the correct answer is C.
- 3. d. Wax Tablets.** According to section "Literature and Libraries" on page 41, we know that "For everyday matters, people wrote on wax tablets, which could be wiped clean and used over again." So, the correct answer is D.
- 4. d. Constantinople.** According to section "Decline and Fall" on page 57, we know that "By 395, the empire was permanently divided into two parts, the West Roman Empire with its capital in Rome, and the East Roman Empire with its capital at Constantinople." So, the correct answer is D.
- 5.** According to page 5, Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 B.C.
- 6.** According to page 5, the twin brothers were called Romulus and Remus.

## TRUE OR FALSE? ANSWERS

- 1. True.** According to section "From Republic to Empire" on page 8, we know that "Sicily was Rome's first province, acquired in 241 B.C. at the end of the First Punic War." So, the correct answer is True.
- 2. False.** According to section "Farmers" on page 18, we know that "Even when the empire was at its height at around A.D. 100, at least 85 percent of the population still worked and lived on the land." So, the correct answer is False.
- 3. True.** According to section "The Roman Calendar" on page 28, we know that "The early calendar used by the Romans had only 10 months and did not match up with the solar year (the time in which Earth travels once around the sun)." So, the correct answer is True.
- 4. True.** According to section "Paintings, Mosaics, and Sculptures" on page 36, we know that "Statues made from terra cotta were usually brightly painted and were often used to decorate temple roofs." So, the correct answer is True.
- 5. False.** According to section "Family Life and Children" on page 44, we know that "Girls could legally marry when they were 12 years old, and boys when they were 14." So, the correct answer is False.
- 6. False.** According to section "Sport and Spectacle" on page 53, we know that "There were racetracks all over the empire, but the best known was the Circus Maximus in Rome." So, the correct answer is False.