

## Year 3 General Studies

# The Roman Empire

Ancient Rome was a powerful and important civilization that ruled much of Europe for nearly 1000 years. The culture of Ancient Rome was spread throughout Europe during its rule. As a result, Rome's culture still has an impact in the Western world today. The basis for much of Western culture comes from Ancient Rome, especially in areas such as government, engineering, architecture, language, and literature.

### Who was Julius Caesar?

Julius Caesar was a famous Roman leader. He won many battles for Rome and helped the Roman Empire grow. While Caesar had a glowing career in both politics and as a military commander, he was only leader of the Roman Empire for a year before he was assassinated by political enemies.

Did you know that the month of July is named after Julius Caesar?



### The Roman Forum

The Roman Forum is an area of the city of Rome which the ancient city developed around. It is the place where commerce, business, cult, and the administration of justice took place.

It was for centuries the centre of Roman public life. It was the site of triumphal processions and elections; the venue for public speeches, criminal trials, and gladiatorial matches. It was also the heart of commerce. Here statues and monuments mark the city's great men. It has been called the most celebrated meeting place in the world, and in all history.



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### Questions

1. Julius Caesar won many battles for Rome and helped the Roman Empire grow. Yes / No

2. How many years did the Roman Empire rule most of Europe? (Circle the correct answer)

10 / 100 / 1000

3. Which month is named after Julius Caesar?

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4. Public speeches, criminal trials, and gladiatorial matches happen in the Roman Forum. True / False

5. Why was the Roman Forum important?

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6. The Roman Empire included parts of Africa. True / False

7. Rome's culture still has an impact in the Western world today. List three areas that have been influenced by Roman culture.

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_