**Chapter 12 Lesson 3: Roman Expansion**

**Conquest of the Italian Peninsula**

* In 341 B.C., Rome began to expand its territory on the . By 272 B.C., Rome had defeated the Latin League, the Etruscans, the Samnites and the Greeks. Rome controlled the whole peninsula
* In ancient Rome, war lead to . Victory in war added new land for farming, slaves to provide free labor, and tax money from newly conquered people.
* Romans created  in their new territory. They set out to Romanize**,** meaning , the newly conquered peoples.
* Romans built connecting Rome to conquered lands so that Roman soldiers could reach any place that Rome controlled.
* Temples to Roman gods and goddesses were built across the Republic.

**Think about it: Why did Rome want to expand its territory?**

**Video # 1: The Punic Wars: Rome and Carthage**

1. Who first settled the city of Carthage?
2. What “bizarre ritual struck the Romans as utterly barbaric”?
3. Do you believe that these sacrifices are why Romans hated Carthaginians? Or do you believe that Carthage just stood in Rome’s ambitious way? Explain your reasoning.
4. Rome was new to naval warfare (battles on the seas). What did the Romans do in order to turn things to their advantage?
5. How did the First Punic War end? What did Carthage have to sacrifice?
6. Why were the Romans worried about Hannibal?
7. Who was Scipio? What was his smart and unusual plan?

**Video # 2: Hannibal: Rome’s Worst Nightmare Part 1**

1. What did young Hannibal swear to do?
2. Why does Hannibal decide to attack Rome by land? Why does he decide to go over the Alps?
3. What challenges did Hannibal’s army face as they crossed the Alps?

**Video # 3: Hannibal: Rome’s Worst Nightmare Part 2**

1. What great advantage did Rome have over Carthage?
2. What are three adjectives you can use to describe this battle at Cannae?
3. After his victory at Cannae, why does Hannibal decide against attacking Rome? In your opinion, was this a good choice?

**Video # 4: Hannibal: Rome’s Worst Nightmare Part 3**

1. Describe Scipio’s plan. How did he intend to defeat Carthage?
2. In his sixteen-year fight against Rome, how many battles had Hannibal lost?
3. How did Scipio defeat Hannibal’s war elephants?
4. What happened to Hannibal? What was his fate?

**A Roman Lake**

* Rome conquered many of the Hellenistic, or , kingdoms in the region.
* First the Romans crushed , and made his kingdom a Roman province
* Then, they captured the Greek city-state of . The majority of the men were killed and the women and children were sold into slavery
* The kingdom of Pergamum in Asia Minor surrendered peacefully; they knew that their submission to Rome was .
* Rome controlled the entire Mediterranean Sea, giving this sea the nickname “ ”
* Rome was now the most powerful state in the world