753 BC – AD 476

Ancient Rome Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What kind of government did Romans create in 509 BC?

- (A) A council governed by the top generals of the army
- (B) A republic governed by elected officials and a Senate
- (C) An empire governed by one emperor and his royal guard
- (D) A monarchy governed by a king and his royal family

2. What were the Punic Wars?

- (A) Wars against Germanic tribes that ended the Western Empire
- (B) Three wars with Greece that gave Rome control of Athens
- (C) Civil wars between Roman generals that ended the Roman Republic
- (D) Three wars with Carthage that made Rome a Mediterranean power

3. What happened on March 15, 44 BC?

- (A) Julius Caesar was crowned the first emperor
- (B) Augustus was named the first emperor of Rome
- (C) Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon with his army
- (D) Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate

4. What was the Pax Romana?

- (A) Two centuries of relative peace during the early Roman Empire
- (B) A law that let Christians worship freely across the empire
- (C) Two centuries of civil war during the late Roman Republic
- (D) A peace treaty that ended the wars between Rome and Carthage

5. What did the eruption of Mount Vesuvius do in AD 79?

- (A) It buried Carthage in ash, ending the Punic Wars
- (B) It burned most of Rome, forcing the emperor to flee
- (C) It buried Pompeii in ash, preserving it for centuries
- (D) It flooded Pompeii with seawater, washing the city away

6. What did the Edict of Milan in AD 313 do?

- (A) Declared that the empire would split into two halves
- (B) Declared that Christians could worship freely
- (C) Declared that Christianity was the only legal religion
- (D) Declared that Christians must leave the city of Rome

7. What happened in AD 395?

- (A) The emperor Augustus began two centuries of Roman peace
- (B) The last Western emperor was removed by a Germanic leader
- (C) The empire split for good into Western and Eastern halves
- (D) The emperor Constantine let Christians worship freely

8. What does the fall of the Western Roman Empire in AD 476 mark?

- (A) The end of the ancient world and the beginning of the Middle Ages
- (B) The end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the Renaissance
- (C) The end of the Roman Republic and the beginning of the Empire
- (D) The end of the Punic Wars and the beginning of the Pax Romana

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Ancient Rome Quiz: Answer Key

1. **B** A republic governed by elected officials and a Senate

2. **D** Three wars with Carthage that made Rome a Mediterranean power

3. **D** Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate

4. **A** Two centuries of relative peace during the early Roman Empire

5. **C** It buried Pompeii in ash, preserving it for centuries

6. **B** Declared that Christians could worship freely

7. **C** The empire split for good into Western and Eastern halves

8. **A** The end of the ancient world and the beginning of the Middle Ages