

Name (s): _____

Date: _____

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

IN THE FIRST CENTURY

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Mapping an Empire Assignment: Using information gathered from the Mapping an Empire Note Taking Sheets as well as what was learned from the class discussion that followed, you will be working with your partner to construct a map that shows the expansion of the Roman Empire between 44BC and 116 AD.

The map should include the following elements:

- A title that is neat and easy to read and includes the years that the map represents
- Labels on countries acquired by the Roman Empire during the years represented on the map. The label should include the name of the country and the year it became part of the Roman Empire.
- A legend showing a color code for each emperor who acquired countries for the Roman Empire during the years represented on the map.
- On the legend, there should also be a color that is representative of the countries that were a part of the Roman Empire at the time of Caesar's death in 44 BC.
- Name labels on all the major bodies of water surrounding the Roman Empire. Using the color coded key:
- Once you have created the outline of your map and placed labels on all of the countries, you will need to carefully shade in all areas that represent the Roman Empire at the time of Caesar's death in 44 BC using the color assigned on the legend.
- Using the colors that correspond with each emperor, shade in the countries/territories acquired by the Roman Empire during each emperor's reign. Be sure to label the name of each country or territory and the year it became part of the Roman Empire on the map.

How you will be evaluated:

- Accuracy: all elements of the map need to be historically accurate and match the color codes in the legend of the map.
- Completion: all elements described above are included on the map (title, labels, legend).
- Neatness: we can read the content of the map clearly and the work is of high quality (e.g., shading remains inside proper borders, there are no scratch-outs, labels are clearly visible through shading and letters are formed clearly.)
- Spelling and capitalization: there are not misspellings and all dates, labels, and legends are written according to the rules of capitalization.

Analysis of your map:

- **Based on your map, you will be asked to analyze its content with your partner and answer a series of response questions in writing. Write the responses to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Make sure to support and thoroughly explain your answers.**
 1. Based on what you learned from your research and what your map shows, which emperor do you feel was most successful in expanding the Roman Empire? Why?
 2. Looking at the map you have created, why do you think it was so difficult for the Romans to maintain control of the empire? List and explain as many reasons as you can.
 3. How do you think the sheer size of the Roman Empire contributed to its downfall?
 4. Do you think the Roman Empire could have been more powerful if it had focused less energy on expansion and more energy on other aspects of the country's growth? Why?