

Questions About the Legacy of the Roman Empire
7th Grade Social Studies

1. Which continents contained regions of the Roman Empire?
 - a. South America & North America
 - b. Australia & South America
 - c. Europe & Africa
 - d. North America & Australia

2. Which range of years is the best approximation for the dominance of the Roman Empire?
 - a. 27 B.C.E. to 476 C.E.
 - b. 500 B.C.E. to 1000 C.E.
 - c. 1000 C.E. to 1492 C.E.
 - d. 480 B.C.E. to 27 C.E.

3. Which was not considered to be a cause of the fall of the Roman Empire?
 - a. disagreement & fighting over who the next emperor would be
 - b. invasions by outside tribes into the western borders of the Roman Empire
 - c. high taxes imposed on the Roman people & people living in poverty
 - d. a decline in the rate of building and grandeur of monuments

4. After Emperor Constantine moved the capital of Rome to the east, to what he called "New Rome", power over the empire was split. What was the result?
 - a. the old western capital survived while the eastern capital fell
 - b. both capital cities fell within a few years
 - c. in less than two hundred years, the western capital fell while the eastern capital survived
 - d. both capital cities prospered and grew over the next 1000 years under a single emperor, who ruled over both capitals

5. Which was a Roman-developed form of art that still survives today?
 - a. the painting of murals on walls
 - b. highly decorative glass-blown bottles
 - c. mosaics made from small pieces of tile, glass, or stone
 - d. all of the above

6. Which is the name given to Roman constructions specialized to deliver water to cities?
 - a. vaults
 - b. aqueducts
 - c. cathedrals
 - d. domes

7. The Romans' language, Latin, influenced the development of languages still spoken today. Which of these languages was not influenced by Latin?
 - a. French
 - b. Chinese
 - c. Italian
 - d. Spanish

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8. The English language was also heavily influenced by the Romans' language, Latin. Which is an example of this influence on English?
 - a. the letters of the alphabet
 - b. the names of several months of the year
 - c. Latin roots like 'anima' for animal, and 'manus' for manual
 - d. all of the above

9. A Greek philosophy, or school of thought, adopted by the Romans, was **stoicism**. What did the **stoics** believe?
 - a. that a godly intelligence ruled all of nature
 - b. truly good living meant having good character traits, such as self-control and courage
 - c. valuing the welfare of the community over one's self
 - d. all of the above

10. To whom was citizenship in the Roman Empire granted?
 - a. only to the richest people
 - b. only to soldiers and commanding officers
 - c. to all free people living in the empire
 - d. to slaves working on building the monuments