**Roman Republic Guided Notes**

**Roman Geography**

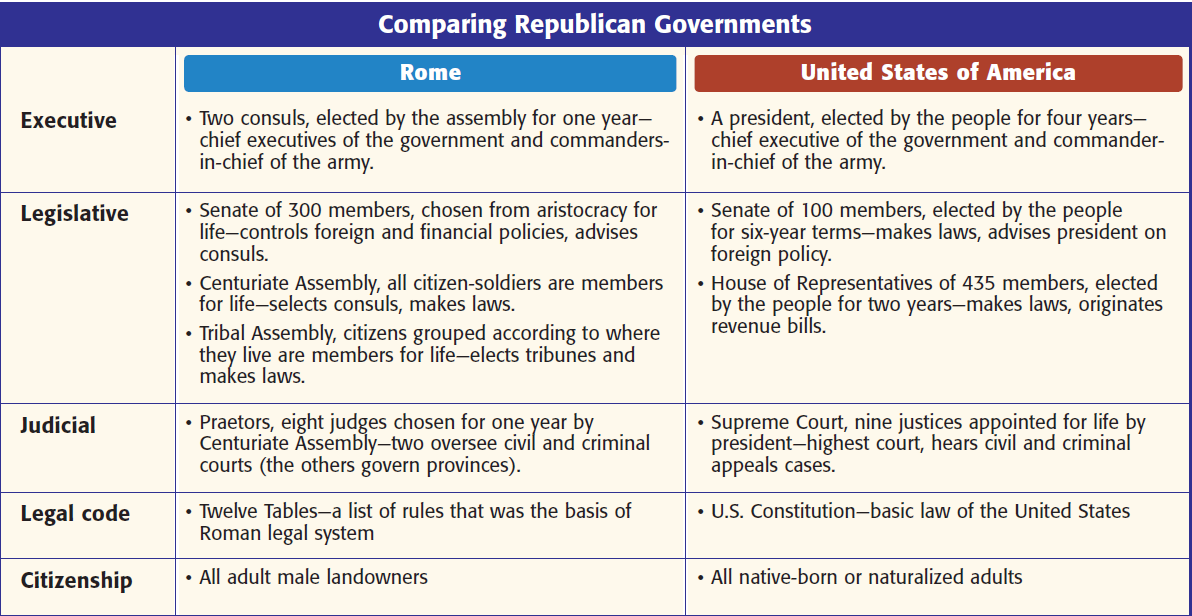
* In addition to Greece, a significant classical civilization was ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + Rome was located on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ peninsula along the Mediterranean Sea
  + The Romans were influenced by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & neighboring Etruscans

**Culture of Ancient Rome**

* Roman religion was polytheistic & based on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gods (usually only the names changed)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing was called Latin & was based on Greek writing
* Roman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ borrowed heavily from Greek styles
  + Like Greek \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Roman cities had a forum for markets & public gatherings
* Society was divided among 3 major groups:
  + At the top were the nobles, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who controlled most of the land & held key military & gov’t positions (made up 5% of Roman citizens)
  + Most people were commoners, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who were farmers, shopkeepers, or peasants; Plebeians paid the majority of taxes (made up 95% of Roman citizens)
  + At the bottom of society were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & other non-Roman citizens

**Government of Ancient Rome**

* Rome was originally ruled by kings, but in 509 B.C. the Romans created a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + A republic is a form of government in which citizens have the power to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their leaders
    - The most important feature of the republic was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose 300 members were elected by citizens to make laws & taxes
* In 451 B.C., government officials wrote down Rome’s laws onto the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which were hung in the forum for all citizens to see
  + The Twelve Tables were based on the idea that all citizens had a right to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**Roman Military**

* Rome was protected by an advanced army that was divided into groups of 5,000 soldiers called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Each legion was divided into smaller groups of 80 men called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_