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THE ROMAN EMPIRE – Listening and Reading Assignment

6. LISTENING ASSIGNMENT: The Roman Empire

Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6hxwSzB_DI&t=334s

Listen to the video and take notes. Stop and listen again as you find it necessary.

True or False? Please mark the right answer.

STATEMENT	TRUE	FALSE
The Roman Republic came before the Roman Empire		
Julius Caesar was the first emperor.		
The Romans moved from Monarchy to a Republic to avoid the hereditary title of a king.		
Caligula is known as the crazy emperor.		
The Colosseum was built during the Flavian dynasty.		
In 68. C.E there was an outbreak of civil unrest.		
The empire was split in three parts because it was too large.		
West Rome fell in 476		
Some reasons for the fall of Rome are invasion, slave labor, and corruption.		

7. READING ASSIGNMENT - Extracting and Paraphrasing Main Ideas

Make sure you have watched and understood the video about the Roman Empire before you complete the reading exercise.

Introduction:

As you heard in the video, the Roman Empire is maybe the most powerful and significant empire in world history. Today, we use their Latin alphabet, their calendar, and name of months and days. We still drive on their roads and we have recovered and improved their technological expertise, and, like in the case of the Greeks, we still read their literature and apply some of their government organization and legal system.

The text here is extensive and in part difficult. You will concentrate on parts of it and use the rest as a reference. In this exercise, you will work with new vocabulary, extract main ideas, and try to paraphrase more complex sentences.

Concentrate on the following text segments: Introductory paragraph, Roman Legacy, Roman Science, Scientific Achievements.

a. Fill in the exercise sheet

Vocabulary	Part of Speech	Synonym
vast		
To depose of		
profound		
To generate/ to be generated		
To derive from		
To alter		
advancement		
To assimilate		
posterity		

To ensure		
To reassess		
To underpin		
To excavate		

b. The Roman Legacy: Write down important key words from the part on Roman legacy.

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c. Summarize your impression in a short paragraph: What are some of the key elements of their legacy? What in your opinion, is one of the most fascinating achievements?

d. Extracting and Paraphrasing Main Ideas: Read the sections Roman Science and Scientific Achievements. Find at least two significant ideas in each section. Quote the text and paraphrase.

Section	Quote / Main Idea	Paraphrase