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Ancient Rome: Common Assessment

**Directions:** Match each vocabulary word to the definition.

1. \_\_\_\_\_a person with absolute power to rule A. Patriarch

1. \_\_\_\_\_ three rulers who share equal political power B. Republic

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a disease that spreads quickly C. Senate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ form of government in which its citizens D. Veto

elect their leaders

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to reject E. Patrician

1. \_\_\_\_\_ a wealthy land owner and member F. Plebian

of the ruling class

1. \_\_\_\_\_ an image created by an arrangement of G. Dictator

glass or stone

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Rome’s most important lawmaking body H. Triumvirate

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ordinary citizens in ancient Rome I. Mosaic
2. \_\_\_\_\_ an older male figure of authority J. Plague

**Directions:** Write the correct multiple choice answer on the line.

11) \_\_\_\_\_ What geographical advantage does the Italian landscape have over the Greek landscape?

1. plenty of water B. better climate C. less rugged mountains D. more trees

12) \_\_\_\_\_ According to a traditional legend, who founded the city of Rome?

1. Helen of Troy B. Romulus and Remus C. Aristotle and Plato D. Julius Caesar

13) \_\_\_\_\_ Who could hold political office in early Rome?

1. Any citizen
2. Women
3. Only Plebeians
4. Only Patricians

14) \_\_\_\_\_ What were the Twelve Tables?

1. Rome’s first written laws
2. The tables in the Senate
3. The seats in the courtroom
4. The leaders of the government

15) \_\_\_\_\_ Who was Cincinnatus?

1. A dictator who served 16 days
2. A dictator in power until his death
3. A plebeian
4. A member of the Senate

16) \_\_\_\_\_ How did Roman statues differ from Greek statues?

1. Roman statues looked perfect.
2. Roman statues were made of concrete.
3. Roman statues were of animals.
4. Roman statues were more realistic.

17) \_\_\_\_\_ The empress Theodora helped\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. the theater prosper
2. destroy the Byzantine Empire
3. women gain more rights
4. Rome become prosperous again

18) \_\_\_\_\_ When do historians date the fall of Rome?

1. when Augustulus took power
2. when Odoacer took control
3. in A.D. 550

**Directions:** Answer the following short answer questions using complete sentences.

19) How did the life of a wealthy Roman woman differ from the life of a poorer Roman woman?

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20) How did Cicero’s ideas about government influence the United States government?

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