Vocabulary Builder Activity

Rome: Republic to Empire

A. Content Vocabulary

**Directions** Draw a line from the definition on the left to the correct vocabulary term on the right. Not all the terms will be used.

1. large farming estates  ____
   a. consul
2. Roman peace  ____
   b. *Pax Romana*
3. a ruler with complete control over the country  ____
   c. dictator
4. government officials who interpreted Roman law and served as judges  ____
   d. latifundia
5. to reject  ____
   e. legions
6. a head of government, usually with a limited term  ____
   f. patricians
7. small groups of Roman soldiers  ____
   g. plebeians
8. a form of government in which citizens elect their leaders  ____
   h. praetors
9. the Roman ruling class  ____
   i. proconsul
10. the idea that citizens have responsibilities to their country  ____
    j. civic duty
11. the Roman working class  ____
    k. republic
12. a group of three people who share equal political power  ____
    l. tribune
    m. triumvirate
    n. veto
B. Academic Vocabulary

**Directions** Fill in the blanks of the sentences below with a vocabulary term from the word bank. You may need to change the form of the word to fit the sentence. Not all the terms will be used.

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1. Latin settlers **__________** Rome on hills along the Tiber River.

2. The Etruscans **__________** themselves to the study of the arts, such as metalworking with copper, iron, lead, and tin.

3. The early Romans greatly **__________** from the contributions of the Etruscans.

4. Even though they had a lower social position, the plebeians were **__________** able to win political equality with the patricians.

5. Rome used its strong army to **__________** a large empire.

6. The Roman invention of a moveable bridge for the front of their warships was an important **__________** for sea battles.
7. The Senate was one of Rome’s two ________ groups.

8. Caesar ________ Roman government by declaring himself dictator for life.

9. The emperor Trajan ________ money that helped poor children obtain an education.

10. The rulers who followed Trajan believed that the Roman Empire had grown too large. As a result, these ________ of Trajan ordered Roman soldiers to withdraw from certain regions.

11. The use of common currency and standard weights and measures ________ trade to flourish in the Roman Empire.

12. Marius turned the Roman volunteer army into a force of ________ soldiers.
C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

**Directions** Unscramble the content or academic vocabulary terms in parentheses to complete the sentences. The form of the term may have been changed to fit the sentence. Not every term will be used.

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1. The assassins of Julius Caesar ___________________ that Caesar wanted to become king. (amusesd)

2. The leaders of the Roman ___________________ introduced several changes to the military system established by the Greeks. (erpibulc)

3. Under the republic, ___________________ had more power than plebeians. Over time, they ___________________ gave the plebeians more rights. (piciantrsa) (rtluclateny)

4. Cincinnatus considered it his ___________________ to leave his farm and become ___________________ when his country was in crisis. (ivicc udyt) (dtacoitr)
5. After the first __________ had collapsed Rome fell into a period of __________ war. (turivtmirae) (vlcii)

6. Augustus __________ the Roman government by hiring __________ tax collectors. (formedtrans) (foprosenails)

7. The Five Good Emperors proved to be more __________ than their __________. (aabcelp) (srosseccus)