

Top ten lessons to learn from Rome

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509 BC – 476 AD



Lesson #1: Kick butt – and then govern well

- Extended citizenship
- Allowed conquered areas to govern themselves
- CRUSHED rebellions
- Had a representative government
- Had advisors to leaders

Lesson #2: Have a rockin' military

- Persistent and well trained
- Brilliant strategies
- Built colonies
- Built roads
- Allow volunteers and then share the wealth!





Lesson #3: Be practical!

- Government should respond to problems
- Created a law code- some of which is still used today!!
- Watch out for over zealous military generals
- Don't trust your friends if you are a dictator (Julius Caesar)





Lesson #4: More land = good

- Expanded to control Carthage
- Expanded to control Greece
- Expanded to control Egypt



Lesson #5: Don't ignore the farmers!! (They feed you)

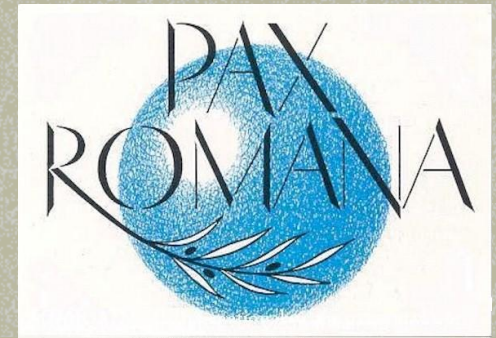
- Farmers couldn't afford to farm, lived as homeless in cities
- Slaves and farmers rebelled against local rule





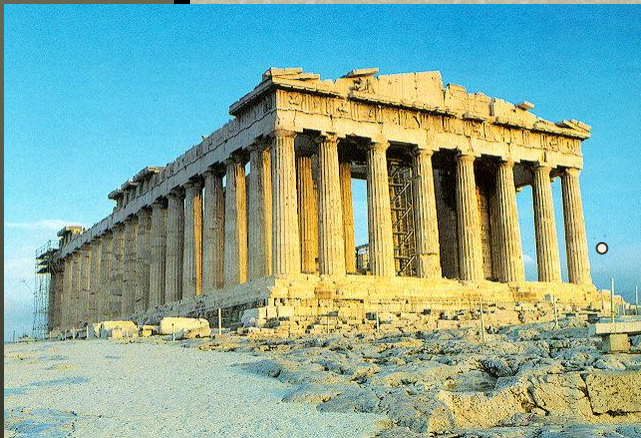
Lesson #6: Peace brings \$\$

- Peaceful times allow trade to flourish
- Trade traveled from China to Egypt to Rome
 - Pax Romana (Roman Peace) 27 BC - 180 AD
- Wealthy class really got a lot of cool stuff!




Lesson #7: If you don't have cool stuff, steal it

- Greek gods= Roman gods
- Greek architecture= used by Romans



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Lesson #8: If you build it, they will come

- Roads
- Aqueducts
- Bathhouses
- bridges



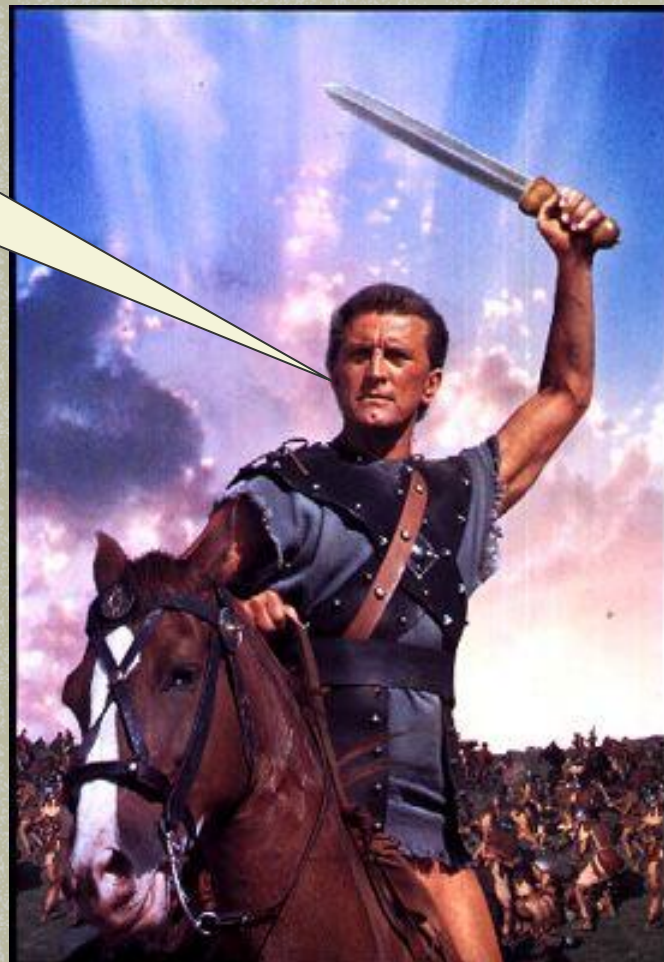


Lesson #9: Relying on slaves can lead to trouble...

- No one used more slaves than the Romans
- POWs
- Were treated like family at first- overtime conditions became worse
- Spartacus led 6000 slaves- who were all put to death



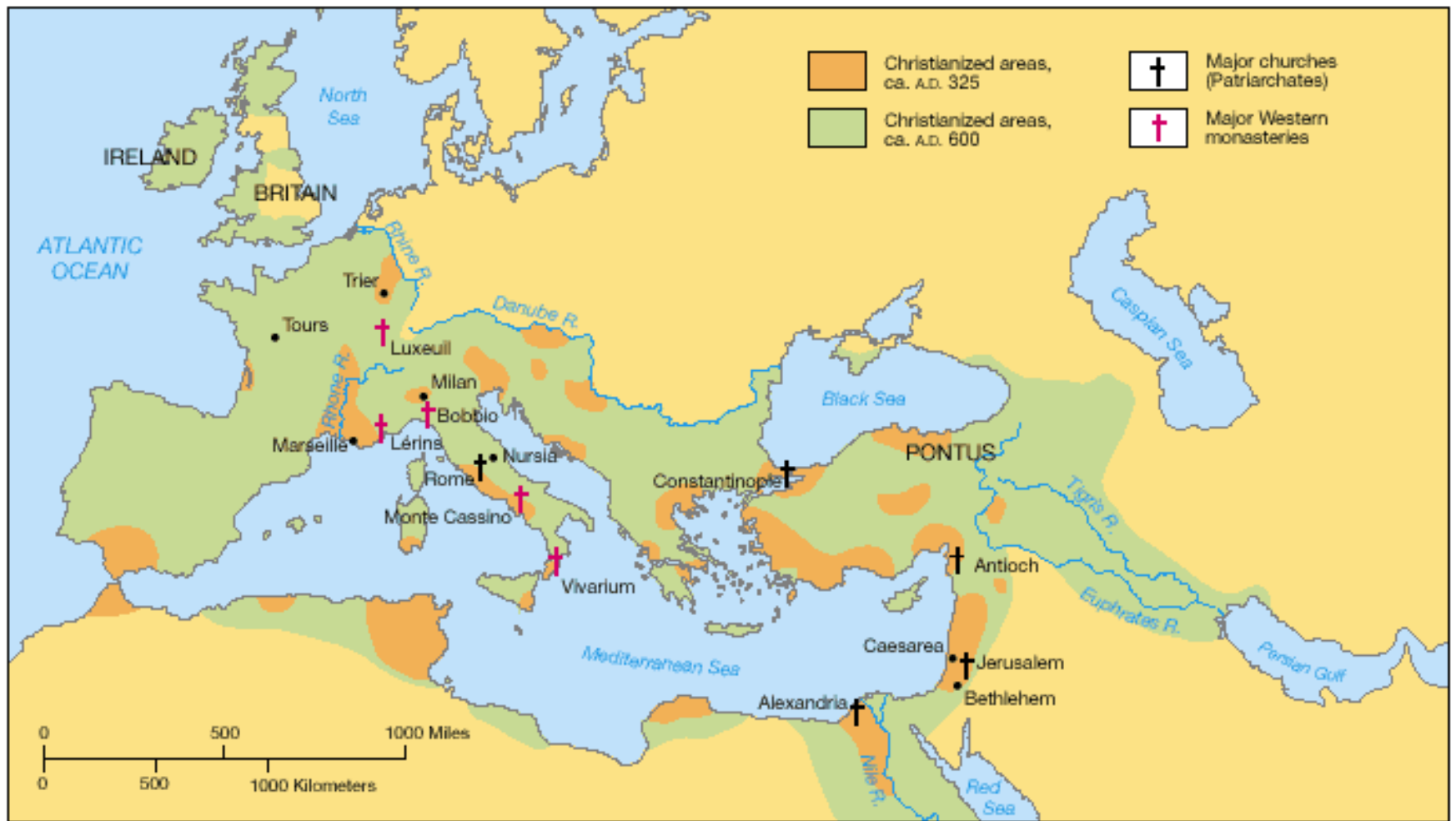
I am Spartacus!!!






Lesson #10: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

- At first Rome had gods similar to those of Greece
- Christianity came into Rome in the 1st century BC
- Christians were persecuted at first (wouldn't "follow the rules")
- Christianity became more organized, spread more
- People liked it: good for everyone, familiar, helped people feel like they belonged
- 313 AD, Roman empire adopted Christianity



 *The Spread of Christianity. Christian churches appeared first in the major cities of the Empire and spread only gradually into the countryside, in part due to the establishment of monasteries.*



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