Rome – Engineering an Empire

Video Questions

Directions: As you watch Rome – Engineering an Empire, answer the guiding questions below. You do NOT need to answer them in complete sentences.

1. According to legend, how, when, and where was the city of Rome founded?
2. How was the Roman Republic structured? What was innovative about the Roman form of government and political organized?
3. What role did slavery and slaves play in the Roman Empire?
4. What is the definition of empire? How and when did Rome transform from a republic into an empire?
5. What are some of the innovative engineering techniques used by the Romans in the construction of their best-known buildings? Be specific in your answers here.
6. What were the most importance achievements of Julius Caesar’s rule? What were some of the military tactics used?
7. Why was the rise of Octavian, or Augustus Caesar regarded as a turning point in the history of Rome? What was significant about his reign?
8. Describe the design and significance of the following Roman constructions:
   1. The Forum:
   2. The Pantheon:
   3. The Colosseum:
   4. Hadrian’s Wall:
9. At its height, how far did the Roman Empire extend? What was the relationship between the Roman territories and the city center?
10. Who were some of Rome’s best-known and most significant emperors? What were their accomplishments, achievements, strengths, and weaknesses?
11. How did the aqueduct system transform Rome? Why is it regarded as one of the most important innovations in Roman history?
12. How did the Colosseum change Rome culturally and socially?
13. When and how did the Roman Empire end? What are some of the reasons historians give for the fall of Rome?