

# Ancient Rome

Geography--Physical Features and Adaptations



# Map of Ancient Rome: Can you find ROME?



# Geography of Italy



## Italy Geography Facts: ....

- Centrally located in the Mediterranean Sea
- Made up of the mainland, which is a peninsula and many islands
- Climate = mild, plenty of rainfall
- Very long coastline but few good harbors
- Many people say Italy is shaped like a boot!

# What Do You Think?!



# Physical Characteristics of Rome and Italy

- At the height of the Roman Empire, it covered parts of Europe, Asia and Africa
- Mountain ranges
  - Alps = separates Italy from the rest of Europe
  - Apennines = runs down center of Italy
- Although mountainous, land was less rugged than Greece and easier to travel
- Rivers = Tiber River, Arno River, Po River
- A few large, flat plains = land for farming
- Volcanoes in region = provided fertile soil, but also threatening
- Rome was built on 7 hills east of the Tiber River  
(Britannica.com)

# Adapting to Rome's Physical Features

**Ancient Romans adapted to their mountainous land by:**

1. Growing olives and grapes
2. Having small farms on terraced hillsides
3. Trading on the Mediterranean Sea.
4. The Romans were road, bridge, and aqueduct builders. Aqueducts were structures that carried fresh water from rivers to the communities and cities.

## *ROMAN AQUEDUCTS*



# What do you KNOW?!

Use your notes to take the “Basic Knowledge” quiz in Google Classroom (link is [here](#))

Record your score on your notes page.

You must make an 80% or 100% before moving on to the next activity.

