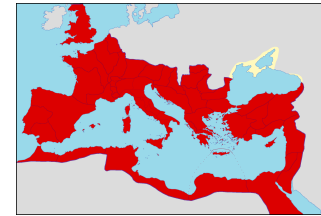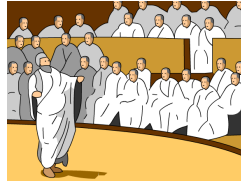# Development of the Roman Empire

1. 600 BCE – Etruscans took power in Rome. 509 BCE – Romans drove the Etruscans from power.

2. Rome creates a Republic.
Senate – made up of patricians.
Consul
Patrician: rich, upper class man
Plebian: ordinary citizen

3. Within 250 years, Rome conquers most of Italy, Spain, France, Africa (Carthage)

4. Trouble between patricians and plebians.
The Law of the 12 Tables: public laws that everyone had to follow.

5. Civil War
Julius Caesar becomes a strong military leader.

6. In 48 BCE, Julius Caesar becomes dictator of Rome.