

Introduction

- varied culture but under control
- people wanted to be Rome so they followed the rules
- a lot of the conquered people became slaves
- originally they were

The Roman Army

- professional army

 - they get paid to go out in the army
 - made up of people who had a 20 year hitch
 - hold the colonies

 - when retired would often just settle and live in the colonies

- Roman culture was spread through the army because of this
- recruited people from imperial territories

- Roman roads as network of transportation and communication
- a couple 1000s miles across and you need some way to get around quickly.

 - they had to march everywhere. no horses

 - to keep the army occupied they built roads

- roads

 - dug down 10-12 feet and layered stuff

 - people could sell things easier.

- Political power of generals

 - pro-council was the leader of a roman province

 - could move up really easily and could vote back home

End of Republic, switch to Imperium

- Julius Caesar

 - most successful general

 - conquered Egypt, Cleopatra was the Pharaoh at that point

 - conquered Gaul ? know known as England

 - conquered Brittan

 - got to be in charge back home too.

 - Triumverate- Dictator for life

 - Ides of March- when Julius died

 - And you too Brutus? *Best friend helped killed him

- Debate over his assassination- never went back to Republic

Augustus Caesar

- Grandnephew of Julius

- real name was Octavian

he was also Julius' adopted son
him a few men defeated the men who wanted to go back to
Republic
three men ran against each other for emperor
Mark Antony was one of them and he got defeated by Augustus
Caesar at Actium
placed Augustus in charge

Imperial Cult

became chief priest
chief of everything
posthumous deification- after your death you become a god
Debauchery of later emperors
all they wanted was to drink and have ladies

Tensions

peace in the city of Rome
you have to bring in food for all the millions of people
started growing grain where ever they had conquered
every fall they harvested the wheat and brought it to Rome and
it was all stored
slaves would grind the grain
the poor people were the proletarians
more poor than the plebeians

Spartacus