

FROM REPUBLIC TO EMPIRE

Reasons for the Decline of the Roman Republic:

1. The use of slaves in the production of agriculture led to food shortages and inflation
2. Roman currency became devalued, resulting in inflation
3. Many small farmers moved into the cities, causing unemployment rates to increase and food production to decrease.
4. The Civil War initiated by Julius Caesar over power and control weakened the Republic.

The Expansion of the Roman Empire:

1. The rise and fall of the first triumvirate.
2. Julius Caesar's rise to power and assassination.
3. Augustus Caesar (formerly Octavian) - Rise to power and defeat of Marc Antony. Augustus Caesar becomes Rome's 1st Emperor.
4. The Empire became unified and much larger through military conquest.
5. Incompetent Emperors and corruption eventually leads to problems for the Empire.