

THE ROMAN REPUBLIC

Ancient Rome Study Guide 2 – The Roman Republic

Overview

Romans replaced their kings with a republic where citizens voted for leaders. This system inspired modern democracies.

Government and Society

- Consuls led the army and government
- The Senate made laws
- Patricians were wealthy landowners; plebeians were common people

Conflict and Reform

- Plebeians demanded rights and formed their own council
- Laws were written on the Twelve Tables

Timeline

509 BCE – Republic founded

450 BCE – Twelve Tables written

Key Vocabulary

Republic, consul, Senate, patrician, plebeian, law

Big Idea

Rome's republic showed how citizens could share power and create fair laws for society.

Comprehension Questions

1. How was the Roman Republic different from a monarchy?
2. Who were the patricians and plebeians?
3. Why were the Twelve Tables important?