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**Marius - The great Man of the Army**

Gaius Marius was the man who organized the army into the most effective fighting machine on Earth. At times, it appeared nothing could withstand the mighty legions of Rome. It was Marius who changed the way the army organised itself. Men from the provinces could now sign up to serve in the Roman army, and in time become Roman citizens themselves. So too was it Marius who granted land to the veterans of the legions in reward for their services.

He also won some famous battles with his new army, most famous of all the Aquae Sextiae and Campi Raudij, where his victories saved Italy and Rome from an invasion of barbarians from the north.



Write down **three** things you are told about Gaius Marius.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

	Fact	Opinion
Men who signed up for the army became Roman citizens.		
Marius was the most inspirational leader of his time.		
His victories saved Rome from an invasion from the north.		



So too was it Marius who **granted** land to the veterans of the legions in reward for their services.

Which of the following is closest in meaning to **granted** as it is used here?

- to sell
- to give
- to lend

