

Brunswick School Department  
Social Studies  
Grade 7 Ancient Rome

**Unit Overview**

This unit will explore the dynamic relationship between the geographic features of the Roman Empire and the respective cultures. Students will study the first example of a representative democracy and how it has impacted our nation. They will use a variety of sources to explain that history is the study of the written record of the past based on available evidence.

**Essential Understandings**

Ancient Rome's republic, empire, and fall had a great impact on our nation's democratic ideals and constitutional principles

**Priority Standards and Performance Indicators**

(as based on the Maine Learning Results)

**P.S. SS-4 Utilize concepts and processes from geography to understand issues involving people, places, and environments in the United States and the world.**

d. Describe the dynamic relationship between geographic features and various cultures, including the cultures of Maine Native Americans, various historical groups in the United States, and other cultures in the world.

**P.S.SS-5 Draw on concepts and processes from history to develop historical perspective and understand issues of continuity and change in the community, Maine, the United States, and world.**

- a. Explain that history is the study of the written record of the past, based on available evidence from a variety of sources.
- b. Trace and explain the history of democratic ideals and constitutional principles and their importance in the history of the United States and the world.
- c. Identify and analyze major historical eras, major enduring themes, Turning points, events, consequences, and people in the history of Maine, the United States and various regions of the world.

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**Examples of Formative / Summative Assessments**

- Logical Argument essay: “Explain why you think Julius Caesar helped or hurt Rome more.”
- Roman Ruler Baseball Card: Create a baseball card including significant information and statistics of a Roman ruler
- Ancient Rome Vocabulary Quiz
- Mapping the Roman Empire
- Overarching test on Ancient Rome
- Build a timeline of Ancient Rome

**Sample Texts and Materials/Resources**

- A&E Television Networks. “Ancient Rome.” 2014.  
<<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/ancient-rome>>
- BBC. “History: Romans.” 2014.  
<<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/romans/>>
- Donn, Lin. “Ancient Rome for Kids.” <<http://www.rome.mrdonn.org/>>
- The British Museum. “Explore / World Cultures: Ancient Rome.”  
<<http://www.ancientgreece.co.uk>>