



### KEY VOCABULARY

**Punic Wars**

three wars between Rome and Carthage, which Rome won

**assassinate**

to kill someone for political reasons

**Pax Romana**

a period of two hundred years when the Roman Empire was very peaceful and rich

**persecution**

hurting someone, often for their religious beliefs or ethnicity

**barbarian**

an insulting word the Romans used for the different tribes attacking the empire in the 5th Century CE

**sack**

to destroy an enemy city and steal anything of value

### the Roman Empire 117 CE

