

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the expansion of the Roman Empire and its impact on the environment.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to books or online resources about the Roman Empire

## Activities

- Activity 1: Research and Map

Research the expansion of the Roman Empire and create a map showing the territories it conquered. Include key cities, rivers, and natural features.

- Activity 2: Environmental Impact

Write a short essay discussing the environmental impact of the Roman Empire's expansion. Consider deforestation, mining, and the use of natural resources.

- Activity 3: Role Play

Imagine you are a Roman citizen living in a conquered territory. Write a dialogue between yourself and a friend discussing the changes you have observed in the environment since the Roman Empire's arrival.

## Talking Points

- The Roman Empire was one of the largest and most powerful empires in history.
- It expanded its territories through military conquests.
- The expansion of the Roman Empire had both positive and negative impacts on the environment.
- Deforestation was a common consequence of the Roman Empire's expansion. Trees were cut down to build cities, ships, and for fuel.
- Mining was another activity that had a significant impact on the environment. Romans extracted minerals and metals like gold, silver, and iron to fuel their economy.

- The use of natural resources, such as water for irrigation and agriculture, also had an impact on the environment.
- It is important to consider the balance between the benefits of expansion and the negative consequences on the environment.