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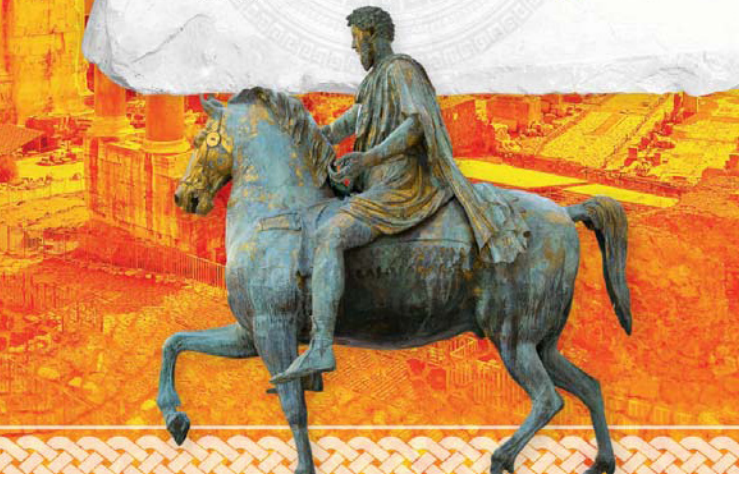
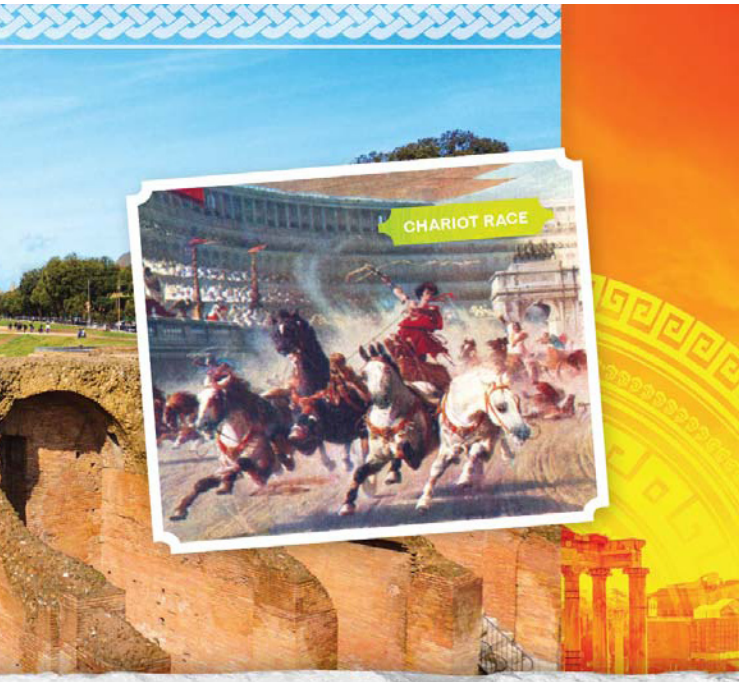


AT THE CIRCUS MAXIMUS

CIRCUS MAXIMUS, ROME

A boy and his father approach the Circus Maximus **arena**. The huge building stands in the center of Rome. Thousands of excited Romans push through the rows of archways. The boy's father squeezes them into some open seats.



Soon, the race begins. Teams of horses burst from the starting gates. They sprint around the track pulling chariots. The boy claps and cheers loudly. He loves afternoons at the chariot races in the Roman Empire!

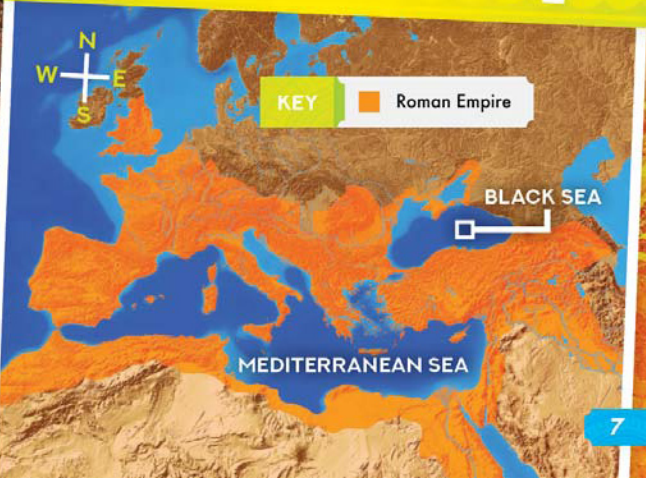
WHO WERE THE ANCIENT ROMANS?

ROMAN FORUM, ROME

Ancient Rome began in what is now Italy. The civilization lasted from 753 BCE until 476 CE. Over centuries, it became a broad empire.

The Roman Empire reached its largest size around 117 CE. A powerful military helped it spread across three continents. At its height, Rome's rule reached today's Britain, Egypt, and Iraq. The empire numbered about 60 million people. About one in four people alive on Earth lived under Roman rule!

117 CE ROMAN EMPIRE



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