

# THE DECLINE OF THE REPUBLIC

## Rise of Caesar

(p.178-180 Text)

### **Part A:** The Creation of the Roman Legion

Please answer on a separate piece of paper in complete sentences.

1. Who was Gaius Marius and what did he create? Why? Explain.
2. Why did the campaigning season always end in the fall?
3. What is a standing army and what problem was its creation trying to solve?
4. What are the fixed terms of service Marius gave his soldiers?
5. What were THREE conditions soldiers were given under Marius?
6. Why was the army called "Marius's Mules"? Explain.
7. What is the AQUILA? Sketch what it looks like and tell me what it was used for.
8. Explain and draw the structure of the legion. Be sure to include the cohorts, centuries, centurion, contubernium, and the primus pilus.

### **Part B:** Pompey to Caesar

(p.179)

1. Why was 'any man backed by a powerful army' considered to be dangerous? Explain.
2. Explain the succession (how they came to power) of Pompey the Great, Crassus, and Julius Caesar.
3. Who was the last surviving member of the Triumvirate?

4. What did Julius Caesar do in 45 BCE? Explain.
5. Do you think Julius Caesar was 'behaving more like a king than a guardian of the Republic'? Explain why or why not.
6. What is the Pontifex Maximus?
7. What did Julius Caesar give a young supporter named Marc Antony? Why?
8. What is March 15<sup>th</sup> called and why? What happened then? Explain.

