**The Roman Empire**

Map Activity

Directions: Visit the following link to explore the interactive map of the Roman Empire:

<http://www.worldology.com/Europe/roman_empire_lg.htm>

As you explore the map, complete the questions. Be sure to read the captions and articles posted on the map (look at the icons in the map key for help).

**Early Rome (800-290 BC) \***Select dates from the top left corner of map to view this map.

1. How did the Romans establish the city of Rome and come to dominate the Mediterranean Sea?

2. What influenced the creation of the Roman Republic?

**Roman Dominance (290 BC - 235 AD)** **\***Select dates from the top left corner of map to view this map.

1. Why is control of the Mediterranean Sea an advantage for the Romans?

2. Explain the distinction between those people considered “British” and those who are Scottish and Irish as it relates to Roman rule.

3. Explain how and why Germanic peoples were able to resist Roman conquest.

4. How did Rome become an empire?

5. How did the concept of “Italy” come about?

6. Who lived in Gaul? What language eventually developed in this region?

7. Briefly explain 2 reasons why Rome rose to dominance.

8. Explain 2 reasons why the Roman Empire is significant in history.

**Decline of Rome (235-490)** **\***Select dates from the top left corner of map to view this map.

1. Complete the chart with information about the Germanic tribes.

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| **Tribe** | **Time period and place of invasion** | **Reason for invasion** | **Outcome of invasion** |
| Visigoths |  |  |  |
| Ostrogoths |  |  |  |
| Franks |  |  |  |
| Vandals |  |  |  |
| Angles & Saxons |  |  |  |

2. What happened during the 3rd century crisis to weaken the empire?

3. East-West split

a. Why was the empire divided into Eastern and Western empires?

b. What was Constantine’s role in the division of the empire?

c. When and how did the Western Empire come to an end?

d. When and why was Italy reconquered?

e. What was the religious effect of the East-West split?

5. Briefly explain 3 reasons for the fall of Rome.

6. Explain what factors led to the beginning of the Dark Ages following the fall of Rome.