



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 1-1

Life in Ancient Rome

Directions: Outlining Reading the section and completing the outline below will help you learn more about life in ancient Rome. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

- I. Rome's first emperor, _____, ruled from 27 B.C. to A.D. 14.
 - A. His reign began a long era of peace, called the _____.
 - B. He improved Rome's military and government and its tax and _____ systems.
- II. The next four emperors are called the _____ emperors.
 - A. Tiberius and _____ ruled well.
 - B. _____ and Nero were cruel leaders.
- III. After Nero, _____ restored peace and order and began construction of the _____, a huge amphitheater.
- IV. The five emperors who ruled from A.D. 96 to A.D. 180 are known as the _____ emperors.
 - A. Under _____, the empire reached its largest size, including _____ and part of eastern _____.
 - B. The next emperor, _____, decided that the empire had grown too big to rule effectively, and he began to pull back.
- V. The Romans borrowed many ideas from the _____ but added their own ideas and developments.
 - A. Roman statues were more _____ than Greek statues.
 - B. Roman builders used rows of columns called _____ but designed their own features such as _____, domes, and vaults.
 - C. The Romans were the first to use _____, which made buildings sturdier.
 - D. Using Greek models, the poet _____ wrote satires and odes.
 - E. Roman engineers built _____ and bridges to connect the empire and _____ to bring water from the hills into cities.
 - F. The Romans also borrowed the Greek philosophy of _____ but modified it to make it more practical.