
ANCIENT ROME

The Roman Empire

Santillana

Birth of an empire

Rome became an empire in 27 BC, when Augustus ended the republican form of government.

The authority of the emperor

The emperor assumed all the powers the republican Senate had. The Senate only confirmed what the emperor had decided.

Expansion of the Roman Empire

The Roman Empire reached its peak in the first and second centuries AD. This is the relatively peaceful period that is called *Pax romana*.

Rome's cities were linked by a network of roads and harbors.

Romanisation

Romanisation is the process of adoption by the peoples conquered by the Romans of their customs, language and laws.

The fall of the Roman Empire

- Wars, short-lived emperors, economic crisis and the abandonment of the cities caused a severe crisis in the 3rd century AD.
- In the year 395 AD the Empire was divided and in 476 AD, the Empire disappeared.