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753 BCE is the traditional date for the founding of Rome.
In 509 BCE, the Roman Republic was founded.

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Between 264 BCE and 146 BCE, Rome and Carthage fought the three Punic Wars.

Big Question: What bold attack did Hannibal make in the Second Punic War?
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CHAPTER 5: Julius Caesar

Between 58 BCE and 51 BCE, Caesar led a large Roman army in the Gallic Wars.

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CHAPTER 7: Julius Caesar Dies

In 44 BCE, Julius Caesar was assassinated on the Ides of March.

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From 27 BCE to 14 CE, the Roman Republic came to an end, as Augustus Caesar became sole ruler of the Roman Empire.

**Big Question:** What were some of Caesar Augustus’s many accomplishments?
CHAPTER 13: Pompeii

In 79 CE, Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii.

**Big Question:** What do the ruins of Pompeii tell us about life in ancient Rome?
Big Question: Why was Christianity considered to be dangerous to Rome?
In 313 CE, Constantine and the Edict of Milan allowed Christians to practice their religion in the Roman Empire.

**Big Question:** Why did the Western Empire collapse but the Eastern Empire survive for much longer?
In 324 CE, Constantinople was founded on the site of Byzantium and eventually became capital of the Eastern Roman Empire.

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