

The Rise of the Roman Republic

What were the characteristics of the Roman Republic and how did they change over time?

PREVIEW

Describe a time when you felt you were treated unfairly. What actions did you take to improve the situation? What actions could you have taken that you didn't? Why didn't you?

READING NOTES

Key Content Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

patrician	Senate	veto
plebian	consul	constitution
republic	tribune	

Section 2

1. Who ruled Rome between 616 and 509 B.C.E.?

2. Who were the patricians? How much power did they have?

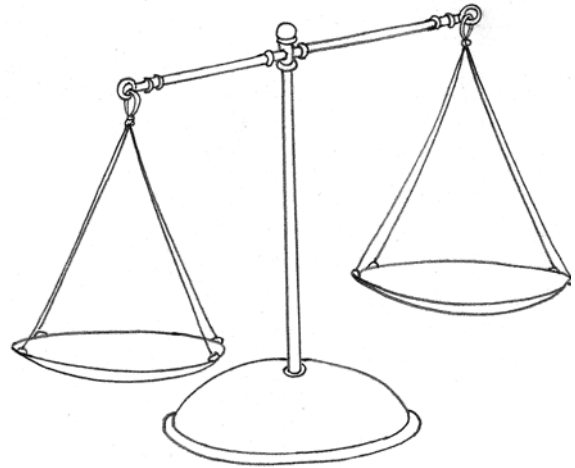
3. Who were the plebeians? How much power did they have?

Sections 3 to 4

For each section, make a drawing on each pan of the balance scale to show how power was divided in early Rome. The drawing representing the group with more power should be on the “weighted,” or lower, pan. Then answer the questions.

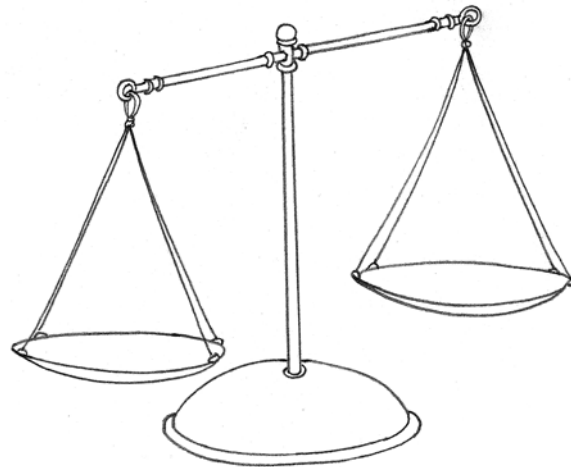
Section 3

1. On each pan of the balance, draw and label a stick figure to represent a patrician and a plebeian. Give them appropriate facial expressions.
2. What was the balance of power between patricians and plebeians when the republic was first created?
3. Why was the balance of power like this?



Section 4

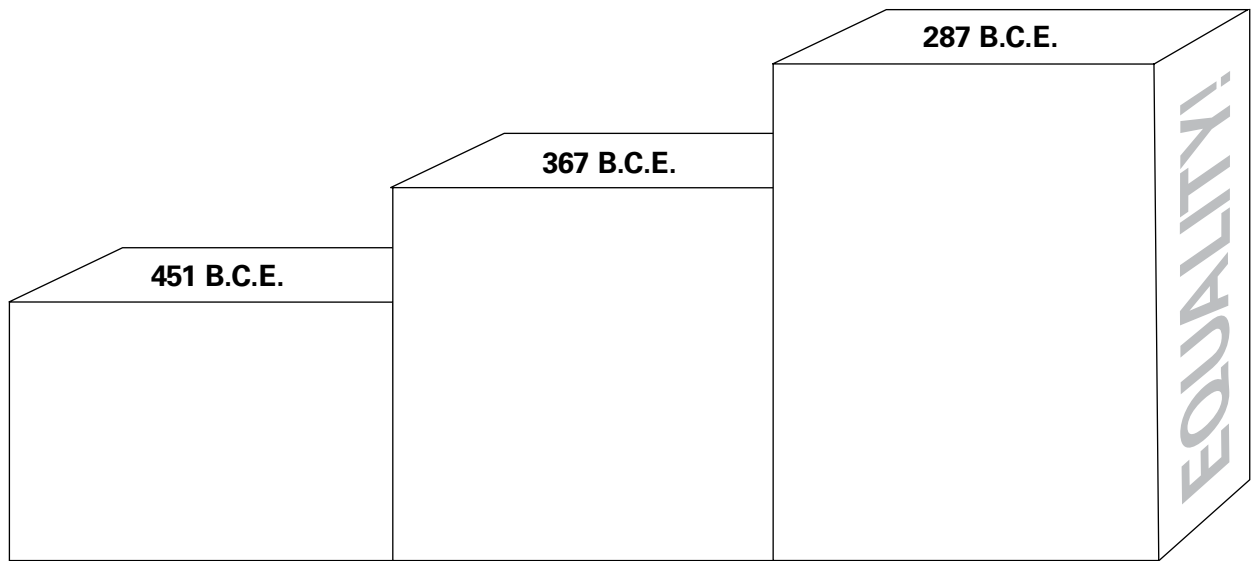
1. On each pan of the balance, draw and label a stick figure to represent a patrician and a plebeian at the time described in this section. Give them appropriate facial expressions.
2. What was the balance of political power between patricians and plebeians during the Conflict of the Orders in 494 B.C.E.?
3. Why were the patricians frightened by the actions of the plebeians?



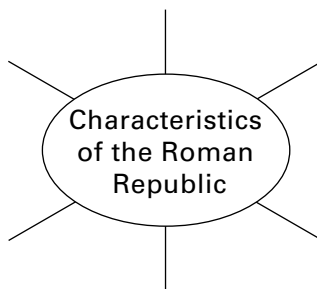
Section 5

1. Describe two ways in which plebeians gained more political power after the revolts of 494 B.C.E.

2. In each “step” below, summarize the change in Roman government that led to greater equality for the plebeians.



3. On the spoke diagram below, add the political characteristics of the Roman Republic that were adopted later in other parts of the world.



P R O C E S S I N G

On a separate piece of paper, create an illustrated timeline to show how the characteristics of the Roman Republic changed over time. Include the following:

- the title “Rise of the Roman Republic”
- these dates: 616 B.C.E., 509 B.C.E., 494 B.C.E., 451 B.C.E., 287 B.C.E.
- a one-sentence summary for each date, explaining how the event changed government in the Roman republic
- a simple illustration or symbol for each date

Below your timeline, answer the following question in a well-written paragraph:

Which change do you think was the most important, and why?