**The Early Roman Republic**

1. Who were the patricians and plebeians?

1. Why did patricians want to prevent plebeians from holding important positions in Roman society and government?
2. What were the roles and terms of office of the following: consuls, tribunes, senators, assemblymen?
3. How did the office of dictator contribute to the balance and stability of the Roman Republic?
4. What were the requirements for Roman citizenship? What "rights" did Roman citizens have?
5. How "democratic" was the government of the early Roman Republic?

**Roman Law and the Twelve Tables**

1. How did Roman law safeguard the rights of individuals?
2. Which laws restricted the freedoms of individuals?

1. How did Roman law maintain order and provide security for the entire society?
2. How does this list of laws compare to those of our society today?
3. Which laws seem unfair or tyrannical? Explain why.
4. Why do you think many praised the Twelve Tables and preferred to live under this
5. Roman legal code instead of under the laws of their native governments