

Chapter 8 – The Rise of Rome

Section 1 – The Roman Republic Notes

The Etruscans take power in Rome.



In 509 B.C., the Romans overthrow the Etruscans



Romans create a new form of government called a republic



Most powerful group in the republic is the senate, made up of 300 patricians



Government is led by two consuls who share power for a year



In early republic, plebeians cannot hold office or be senators



After 367 B.C. at least one Consul has to be a plebeian



A dictator can be appointed for six months if the consuls do not agree



Republic declines when Julius Caesar becomes dictator for life in 44 B.C.



Civil war lasts for 13 years