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GUIDED READING *The Roman Republic*

Section 1

**A. Following Chronological Order** As you read about the growth of Rome into a powerful republic, answer the questions about events in the time line. (Some dates in the time line are approximate.)

753 B.C.	Rome is founded, according to legend.	→	1. How did geography affect the development of Rome?
600 B.C.	Etruscan becomes king of Rome.	→	2. How did the Etruscans influence the development of Rome?
509 B.C.	Roman aristocrats overthrow monarchy and establish a republic.	→	3. Which were the main groups that competed for power in the early Roman republic?
451 B.C.	Officials begin writing the Twelve Tables.	→	4. What is the significance of the Twelve Tables in Roman law?
264 B.C.	Rome and Carthage go to war, and Punic Wars begin.	→	5. What were the causes of the first Punic War?
218 B.C.	Second Punic War begins.	→	6. What tactic did Scipio use to defeat Hannibal?
202 B.C.	Romans defeat Hannibal's army.	→	7. What was the significance of the Punic Wars for Rome?
149 B.C.	Third Punic War begins when Rome lays siege to Carthage.	→	
146 B.C.	Rome destroys Carthage.		

**B. Recognizing Main Ideas** On the back of this paper, describe the form of government the Romans established under the republic. Use the following terms.

- Senate    tribunes    consuls    dictator