

Discuss the major political developments in Greece from 800 B.C. to 336 B.C. How did Athens gradually make a transition from monarchy to democracy? How did Athens and Sparta cooperate against the Persians, and why did they later become involved in the disastrous Peloponnesian War? How did this war lead to the eventual loss of Greek independence?

Discuss the origins and expansion of the Roman Republic from 509 B.C. to 27 B.C. What advantages did the Romans possess in their eventual conquest of Italy? How was Rome able to win a decisive victory over Carthage? How did expansion throughout the Mediterranean region lead to new social and political problems? How did civil war lead to the effective end of the Republic by 27 B.C.?