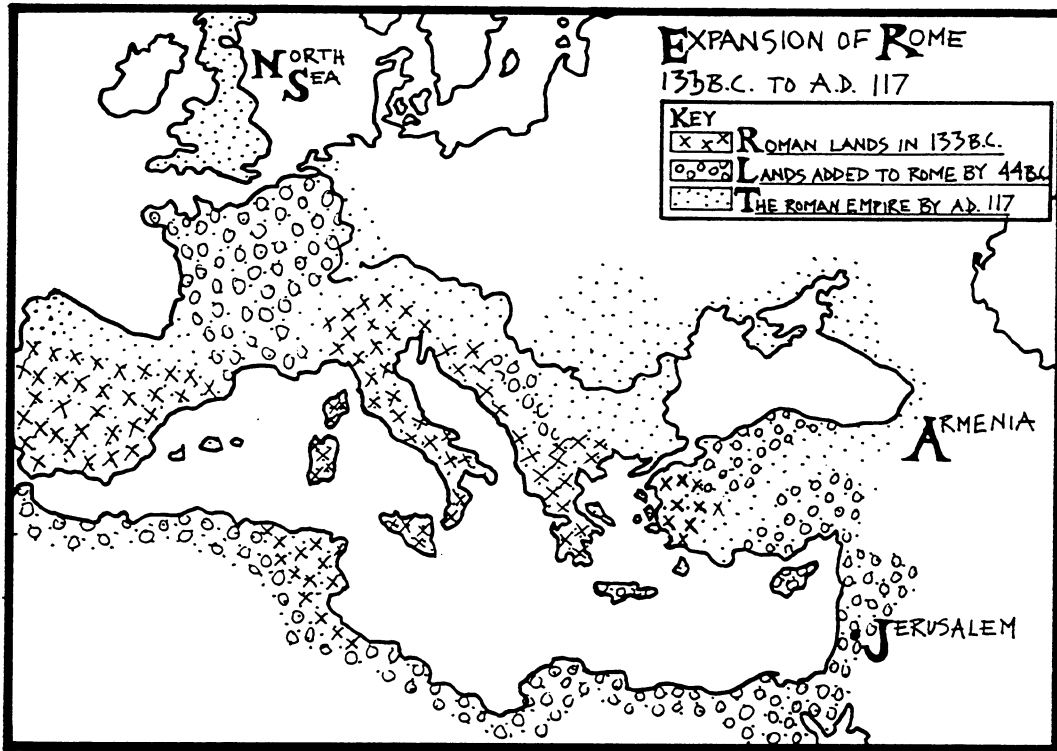


# A Historical Overview of Rome



Ancient Rome was located on the Tiber River in Italy, exactly where Rome, Italy, now stands today. It was a city, but at the height of the Roman Empire, it also controlled the countries of England, Spain, France, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Greece, Israel, Egypt, and parts of Africa and Asia.

The Alps Mountains to the north, the Appenine Mountains to the east, as well as the Mediterranean Sea to the west protected Rome from invaders. The people living along the Tiber River were the Latins, who were conquered around 600 B.C. by the Etruscans. In 509 B.C. the Romans drove out the Etruscans and claimed the land as their own.

Ancient Roman history can be divided into two main time periods: the **Roman Republic**, dating from 509 B.C. to 44 B.C.; and the **Roman Empire**, dating from 44 B.C. to A.D. 455. During the Republic, Romans set up a system of government where two consuls served a one-year term and were advised by the members of the Senate, a powerful

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