

CHAPTER  
**6**

**BUILDING VOCABULARY**

*Ancient Rome and  
Early Christianity*

**A. Matching** Match the description in the second column with the term or name in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| ___ 1. Virgil        | a. Roman dictator whose assassination led to civil war                          |
| ___ 2. apostle       | b. a foreign soldier who fights for money                                       |
| ___ 3. Julius Caesar | c. Roman poet who wrote the epic, the <i>Aeneid</i> .                           |
| ___ 4. Augustus      | d. one of the twelve disciples, or followers, of Jesus                          |
| ___ 5. inflation     | e. Roman emperor whose reign initiated a long period of peace in the empire     |
| ___ 6. Hannibal      | f. Carthaginian general who crossed the Alps with elephants to fight the Romans |
| ___ 7. mercenary     | g. a channel for transporting water   |
| ___ 8. aqueduct      | h. a drastic drop in the value of money along with rising prices                |

**B. Evaluating** Write *T* in the blank if the statement is true. If the statement is false, write *F* in the blank and then write the corrected statement on the line below.

- \_\_\_ 1. Greco-Roman culture, which blends elements of Greek, Hellenistic, and Roman culture, is also called classical civilization.  
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- \_\_\_ 2. The period of over 200 years during which the Roman Empire was at constant war is known as the *Pax Romana*.  
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- \_\_\_ 3. Christianity is based on the teachings of a Jew named Jesus.  
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- \_\_\_ 4. The Roman emperor Constantine ended the persecution of Christians.  
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- \_\_\_ 5. Because the Jews rebelled against Roman rule, most of them were executed in the Diaspora.  
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**C. Writing** Write a paragraph describing the form of government that Rome had in the first century B.C. using the following terms.

republic      patrician      plebian      tribune      consul      senate