Ancient Rome – More Timeline Work

1. First, fill the blanks from the words in the word list.

2. Then match letters ⓐ – ⓑ with the appropriate picture (both on the front and the back of this handout) by placing a letter in each circle.

assassinated • barbarians • civil • Colosseum • constitution • dictator • Emperor • empires • gladiator • legend • persecuted • rebellion • religion • republic


Ⓐ The Roman Empire was one of most influential civilizations in world history. It began in the city of Rome in 753 BC and lasted for well over 1000 years. During that time Rome came to rule much of Europe, Western Asia, and Northern Africa.

Ⓑ 753 BC - The city of Rome is founded. According to __________, the twin sons of Mars, the god of war, named Romulus and Remus founded the city. Romulus killed Remus and became ruler of Rome and named the city after himself. Rome was ruled by kings for the next 240 years.

Ⓒ 509 BC - Rome becomes a ___________, which means it is now a state without a monarch or king. The last king is overthrown and Rome is now ruled by elected officials called senators. There is a ________________ with laws and a complex republican government.

218 BC - Hannibal invades Italy. Hannibal leads the army of Carthage in his famous crossing of the Alps to attack Rome. This is part of the Second Punic War.

Ⓓ 73 BC – Spartacus the _____________ leads the slaves in an uprising against Rome. Another word for an uprising is a _____________.

45 BC - Julius Caesar becomes the first _____________ of Rome. Caesar defeats Pompey in a ___________ war to become the supreme ruler of Rome. This signals the end of the Roman Republic.

Ⓔ 44 BC - Julius Caesar is ________ on the Ides of March by Marcus Brutus. The conspirators hope to bring back the republic, but civil war breaks out.
27 BC - The Roman Empire begins as Caesar Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor.

64 AD - Much of Rome burns. One story is that the Emperor Nero watched the city burn while playing a lyre.

80 AD - The [Pompeii] is built. One of the great examples of Roman engineering is finished. It can seat 50,000 spectators.

121 AD – Hadrian’s Wall is built. To keep out the so-called [Caledonians], a long wall is built across northern England.

306 AD - Constantine becomes Emperor. Constantine would convert to Christianity and Rome would become a Christian empire. Prior to this Rome [persecuted] the Christians.

380 AD - Theodosius I declares Christianity to be the sole [religion] of the Roman Empire.

395 AD - Rome splits into two ________.

410 AD - The Visigoths sack Rome. This is the first time in 800 years that the city of Rome has fallen to an enemy.

476 AD – This date marks the end of the Western Roman Empire and the fall of Ancient Rome. The last Roman [Romulus Augustus], is defeated by the German Goth, Odoacer.

1453 AD - The Byzantine Empire comes to an end as it falls to the Ottoman Empire.

Final Task

3 Use this handout and your text (pp.362-3) to design your own simple timeline with five events from Rome’s history in chronological order. You can either choose to do this in a Word document or across a double page of your workbook.