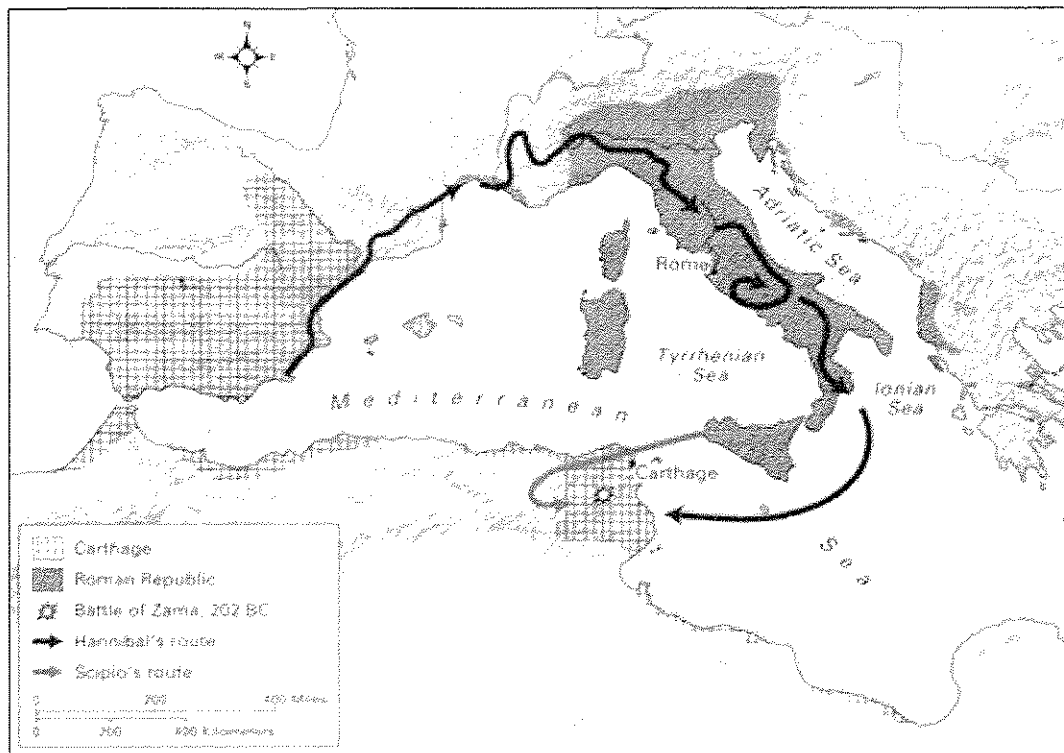


The Roman Republic**History and Geography**

The Punic Wars

Rome fought the Punic Wars, a series of wars against Carthage, a city in northern Africa. The wars began when Carthage sent armies to Sicily. After 20 years, the Romans forced their enemies out and took control of Sicily. In 218 BC Carthage tried to attack Rome. General Hannibal led the army through Spain and across the Alps into Italy. Hannibal was never able to capture Rome and was told to come home. In the 140s BC the Romans sent an army to Africa. After a victory, the Romans destroyed Carthage and took control of northern Africa. During the Punic Wars, Rome also took control of Sicily, Corsica, and Spain.

**MAP ACTIVITY**

1. Use a bright color to highlight the route Hannibal took from Carthage to Rome.
2. Use a different bright color to highlight the major battle site of Zama. Write the date that the Battle of Zama took place.

3. What is the name of the mountain range that Hannibal and his armies crossed before entering Rome? Label it on the map.
4. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Place** Rome lies in what direction from Carthage?

2. **Location** What is the name of the large island directly off the southern tip of Italy and north of Africa? Label this island on your map.

3. **Region** After Hannibal and his army landed in Spain, many miles did they travel to get from Spain to Rome?

4. **Movement** Examine the map carefully. If you know that the Romans originally settled around Rome, in what direction did they move to settle the rest of Italy? Romans became good sailors, navigators, and traders. Color in areas of the map where you predict the Romans may have expanded their empire.
