

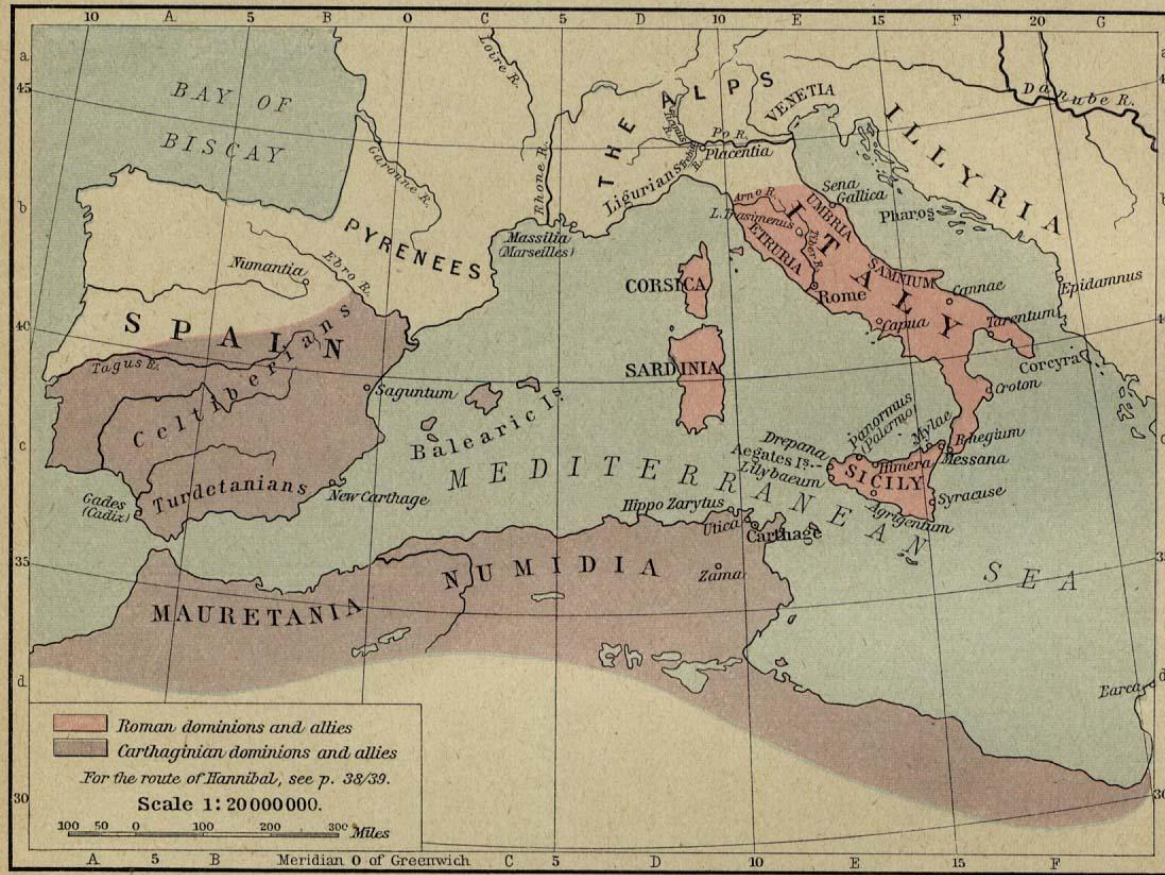
The Punic Wars  
Carthage vs. Rome  
A Three Round Fight

Carthage

The “other” Mediterranean City

# Two big cities in one little Sea

Rome and Carthage at the  
Beginning of the Second Punic War, 218 B. C.



– After the fall of Athens, there were two cities that rose to prominence:

- Rome (we know about it already)
- Carthage (on the northern coast of Africa,)

# Carthage's Personal Info

- In 262 B.C., Carthage was significantly larger than Rome, about 250,000 people lived there.
- They had a powerful navy of about 500 ships.
- Incredibly rich!
- Mercenaries fought for them!!! Did they have "Gravitas"???

# Rome, on the other hand

- Very small navy
- Huge empire could provide a very large army (500,000 soldiers!)
  - Tended to be more loyal and therefore fought harder. They had \_\_\_\_\_
  - Majored in fighting!
- Very lucky
  - Captured a Carthaginian ship, and photocopied it 140 times
    - Added a gangplank to let soldiers do their dirty work

# The Wars

- 1<sup>st</sup> Punic War
  - Lasted 23 years
  - Carthage's fleet was destroyed in 241 B.C.
  - Rome took over the rich island of Sicily
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Punic War
  - 218 B.C.
  - Here is where Hannibal comes in

# Hannibal – What should we know?



# Hannibal in a nut shell

- Invaded Rome from the North (came through the Alps)
- Rome sent three armies to stop the invaders, but they were all crushed.

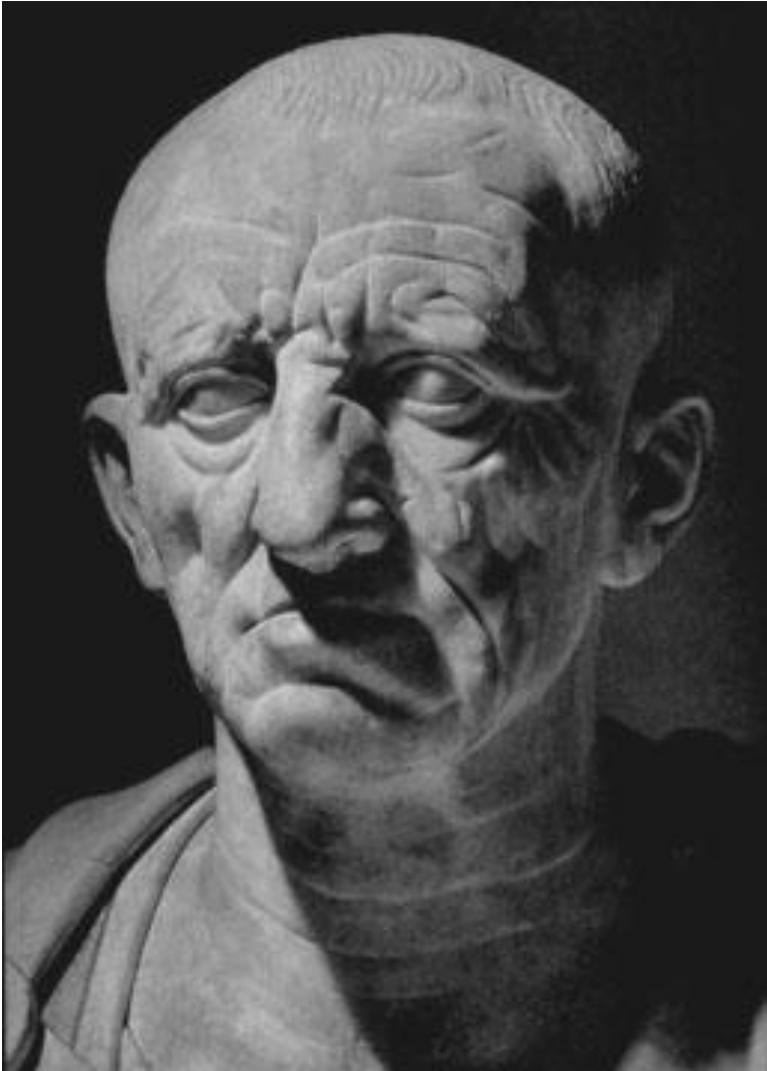
# Creating a new class of Romans

- Hannibal did not attack Rome directly, rather he lived off the countryside, burning crops and pillaging for 13 years.
  - Rome's allies joined Hannibal but
  - He needed reinforcements.
  - The WALLS were too BIG
- The devastated plebian class (small landowners)-> moved to the city and became known as the PROLETERIAT

# Carthage on the Ropes

- Finally a Roman general named Scipio attacked Carthage.
- Hannibal rushed back to Carthage, where he was defeated in the Battle of Zama in 202 B.C.
  - From that day on Scipio was known by the last name \_\_\_\_\_, symbolizing his victory in this continent!

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Punic War



- 149 B.C to 146 B.C.
- Fought for no other reason then Rome was jealous that Carthage even existed.
  - Carthage was an economic power but not a military threat.
- Cato – used Carthage as a campaign hook.
  - Kind of like our government and terrorism
- Made an excuse to attack Carthage
  - Scipio Aemilianus destroyed the city
    - Remember salt!