Mankind the Story of all of Us: Empires

Empires - Birth of Christianity

- 1. How many times more populated is Rome than modern Manhattan?
- 2. How does the Roman emperor try to gain support of his people to stay in power?
- 3. What was the purpose of riots?
- 4. Why does building quiet the people?
- 5. Explain the purpose of an aqueduct and how they were engineered?
- 6. Why would the Romans choose to use concrete as their building material?
- 7. Name some of the technologies that Rome has to make it the most advanced city in the world at this point.

Empires – War Machine

- 8. How is civilization being "spread" by the Romans?
- 9. Why does Rome want to conquer Britain? What resources does Britain have that Rome would want?
- 10. Why did Rome have a military advantage over the Druids/ everyone they went to battle with?
- 11. What was Rome's first priority after conquering new territory?
- 12. Why do you think the Roman government made admission to gladiator games free to everyone in their empire? What was the benefit for them in doing this?
- 13. What territories are controlled by Rome?

Empires - Silk roads

- 14. Is early trade focused on necessary items or luxury goods? What is an example item that Romans traded for that can prove your point?
- 15. What is the advantage to China in keeping how to produce silk a secret?
- 16. Explain why trade makes the world more interconnected?
- 17. What is the name of the famous trade route connecting Rome, India, and China?
- 18. What things besides silk are traded on the silk roads?

Empires - Paul's Letter & Courage & faith

- 19. Why does Christianity appeal to people of low standing like slaves and women?
- 20. Why would the Roman government feel threatened by Christianity? (Hint: who do Christians pledge their allegiance to?)