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The First Punic War

**Directions:** Read pages 50-57 in the book entitled ‘Ancient Rome’. Use the information gathered from the reading to answer the following questions as completely and as clearly as possible.

1. Explain how these wars got their name. (Footnote on page 50)
2. What types of treaties/relationship had Rome and Carthage had before war broke out?
3. Explain why Sicily was so important to both Carthage and Rome.
4. Who did Rome ally with at the beginning of the First Punic War? (Two places)
5. By 262 B.C.E. Rome controlled most of Sicily but Carthage still controlled most of the sea. What did Rome quickly do to rectify this problem?
6. In the middle of the 250s B.C.E. where did much of the fighting take place **AND** how did much of this fighting turn out for Rome?
7. Briefly describe what the Roman situation was like after fifteen years of fighting the Carthaginians.
8. Who was the new Carthaginian general that began swiftly taking back Sicily around 245 B.C.E.?
9. What happened to his resupply ships off the Aegates Islands in 241 B.C.E. **AND** how did this impact the outcome of the war?
10. What were the peace terms between Carthage and Rome after the First Punic War?
11. What else did Rome take for themselves when the war was ‘officially’ over? (Two Things)
12. Between the First and Second Punic Wars where did Carthage send their armies **AND** why?
13. In 220 B.C.E. who took over the Carthaginian army **AND** briefly describe what he was like?
14. How did this commander help start the Second Punic War?