Chapter 8, Section 3

The Fall of the Republic

1. Latifundia – large farming estates worked by enslaved people
2. Two brothers, Tiberius and Gaius, worked to bring reforms to the early Republic by giving land to the poor.
3. Julius Caesar – military hero (esp. to Rome’s lower class) and Rome’s most famous leader – created the Julian calendar which had 12 months, 365 days and a leap year – like ours !
4. Triumvirate – a political alliance of three people
5. First Triumvirate – Crassus, Pompey, and Julius Caesar
6. Second Triumvirate – Octavian, Antony, and Lepidus
7. March 15, 44 BC – Caesar’s enemies kill him
8. Octavian – Caesar’s grandnephew who laid the foundation for the Roman Empire and took the title “Augustus” which means the revered or majestic one.
9. Battle of Actium – the battle in which Octavian defeated Antony and Cleopatra
10. Cicero – Rome’s greatest public speaker who was against having dictators.