



## CHAPTER 2: ROMAN HEROES

### Heroes

1. How would you define a 'hero'? How would the Romans define a 'hero'?

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### Hercules and Cacus

2. What did the giant Cacus like to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did Hercules attack Cacus? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why did the Romans consider Hercules a hero? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Aeneas

5. The ancient Romans believed that Aeneas was the son of \_\_\_\_\_

6. What city was Aeneas born in, and why did he have to leave? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. When Aeneas arrived in Italy, King Latinus welcomed him. What prophecy did he think Aeneas was going to fulfill? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why did a war break out between Aeneas and the local community? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Why did the Romans consider Aeneas a hero? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Consider Figure 2.2 Wounded Aeneas**

- Why do you think this Roman painter has chosen to paint a scene where Aeneas is wounded?

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**Romulus and Remus**

10. Who were the parents of the twins, Romulus and Remus? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Why did Romulus kill Remus? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Why did the Romans consider Romulus a hero? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Heroes of the early Roman Republic**

11. When the Romans expelled the last of their kings, whom did he ask to help him take back his throne? \_\_\_\_\_

13. What two brave acts did Horatius Cocles perform during the battle against the Etruscans?

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14. What was Mucius Scaevola sent to do and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. After he was captured, Mucius Scaevola put his right hand into a fire. Why did he do that? Do you think it was a good idea? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Cloelia was held hostage by the Etruscans. How did she escape? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. How did the Romans honour Cloelia's bravery? \_\_\_\_\_

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