HOW DID THE IDEA OF 'CITIZENSHIP' HELP TO EXTEND ROMAN POWER?

- ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR ROME'S SUCCESS IN BUILDING AN EMPIRE (THAT AND A POWERFUL ARMY...)
- ROMAN CITIZENSHIP GIVEN TO THOSE THAT ACCEPTED ROMAN RULE
- EXTENDED EVEN TO SLAVES WHEN FREED.

ROMAN CITIZENSHIP WAS BASED UPON....

- DUTIES
- MILITARY SERVICE
- TAXES
- RIGHTS
- RIGHT TO VOTE (SUFFRAGIUM)
- RIGHT TO MAKE CONTRACTS (COMMERCIUM)
- RIGHT TO CONTRACT A LEGAL MARRIAGE (CONUBIUM)
- RIGHT TO SUE
- RIGHT TO STAND TRIAL
- RIGHT NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO TORTURE OR SCOURGING.
- A ROMAN CITIZEN COULD NOT BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH UNLESS FOUND GUILTY OF TREASON.

HOW COULD YOU ACQUIRE ROMAN CITIZENSHIP?

- BIRTH: EVERY CHILD BORN FROM A LEGAL MARRIAGE OF A ROMAN CITIZEN HAD CITIZENSHIP
- MANUMISSION: THE ACT BY WHICH A SLAVE WAS FREED; CHILDREN OF FORMER SLAVES WERE ROMAN CITIZENS
- MILITARY SERVICE: UPON ENROLLMENT IN THE ARMY, OR UPON HONORABLE DISCHARGE.
- IMPERIAL GRANTS: THE EMPERORS COULD GRANT CITIZENSHIP TO INDIVIDUALS OR TO ENTIRE COMMUNITIES