

## FALL OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC

**MILITARY SHOWED A GREATER WILLINGNESS TO COERCE THE SENATE TO GIVE THEM COMMANDS. CIVIL WAR BETWEEN ROME AND ITS ALLIES, AGAINST NON-CITIZEN ITALIAN CITIES, GOT MANY USED TO FIGHTING TRADITIONAL ROMAN LEGIONS.**



**THE SENATE WAS JEALOUS OF THE POWER OF GENERALS, AND DIDN'T WANT TO SHARE LAND WITH THE LANDLESS SOLDIERS.**



**EQUESTRIANS (THE WEALTHIEST ROMANS) WANTED TO PURSUE LOANS AND TAX FARMING CONTRACTS IN THE PROVINCES, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THE SENATE.**

**AFTER THE SECOND PUNIC WAR (218-202 BC), MORE AND MORE LAND IN ITALY WAS FARMED BY SLAVES, OUTPRODUCING THE SMALL FARMER. THIS CREATED A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION WITHOUT LAND. SOLDIERS WHO DIDN'T OWN ANY LAND WERE TAKEN INTO THE ARMY; AFTER FIGHTING FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THEY CAME BACK TO ROME EXPECTING LAND ALLOTMENTS AS A REWARD FOR THEIR SERVICE.**

