



Rome
Geography

Rome

- Rome is located on a peninsula
- Located along the Mediterranean sea
- Mediterranean climate
- The **Alps and Apennines** mountain ranges protect Rome from outsiders and made it difficult to travel across the peninsula
- Home of Mt. Vesuvius (volcano)
- Located along the Tiber river
- Cities developed along the rivers
- Located close to Greece

The Alps (Advantages and Disadvantages)

Advantages:

- May provide protection
- Some passes allow travel

Disadvantages:

- isolated Rome from other cities

The Apennines

- **Advantages:**

May provide some protection

- **Disadvantages:**

- Separates people on the peninsula
- takes up land that could be farmed

The Mediterranean Sea

Advantages:

- Provides a way to trade and travel
- Provides food
- Can see enemy coming by sea
- Centrally located

Disadvantages:

- Floods
- Rich fertile soil made it a target for invaders

Rivers

Advantages:

- Provides rich soil for farming
- Provide fish for food
- Water for drinking

Disadvantages:

- Flooding
- Too shallow to travel by
- Swamps and marshes attracts mosquitos and insects carrying diseases

Islands (Sicily and Sardinia)

Advantages:

- Defensible position
- Good climates
- Provides harbors/Ports

Disadvantages:

- Hard to boat
- Isolated from rest of Italy

Peninsula

Advantages:

- Easy access to water
- Provides trade route
- Provides food
- Provides outlook for enemies

Disadvantages:

- More coasts to defend
- flooding

Climate

Advantages:

- Good for growing crops

Disadvantage:

None

Long Coastline

Advantages:

- Opportunity for trading increases
- provides ports/harbors

Disadvantages:

- It's a very large stretch of land to have to defend from invaders

Few Harbors

Advantages:

- Not a lot of places to defend

Disadvantages:

- Limited areas for settlements and trade

Lots of rain

Advantages:

- Good for growing crops
- Ample drinking water

Disadvantages:

- flooding