



Erwin High	Topic: Unit 1-Early Empires	Name
	<i>The Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire</i>	Date
		Period

Learning Target: SWBAT

1. Identify and describe the tenets of Christianity as practiced in the Roman Empire.
2. Explain why the principles of Christianity were sometimes mistaken by the leaders of Rome and why membership in the sect could be dangerous.

DO NOW:

Explain why, or why not, religion, religious beliefs, or faith is important to the well-being of mankind

Questions/Main Idea:	Notes:
A Time of Peace	Under Julius Caesar Octavian Augustus was Rome became too powerful, no one challenged them. They entered a time of peace in the empire known as
The Power of Rome	Square Miles People Residents in Rome
New Religion	63 BCE Rome took over Judea was controlled by Herod's Death caused (2)
Birth of Christianity	Judaism Jesus of Nazareth Preached Message Jews initially believed Jesus called Christ which means
What about Jesus	Followers wrote Writings called which means Found in Old Testament
Pros and Cons Christianity...	Embraced Promised Appealed

Jesus	Popularity angered both:
	Called Jews feared
	Jewish Leaders Turned over to be
Followers of Jesus	Known as Jesus story comes from the writings of his
	Apostles spread and Wrote
	Two influential apostles were
Roman Persecution	Why hate Christians
	Christians did not recognize
	Blamed for problems in
	Jewish Diaspora
Jews Strike Back	66CE
	70CE
	73CE-Battle of Masada resulted in
Peter	Traveled to Rome
	1 st .
	...are descendants of Peter
	Catholic means
Constantine	312 CE became Saw an image and
	Issues
	Christianity is the
Official	Emperor Theodosius declared
<i>Summarize Christianity and the Roman Empire</i>	
1. State of the Roman Empire	
2. Christianity	
a.	
b.	
c.	
d.	