

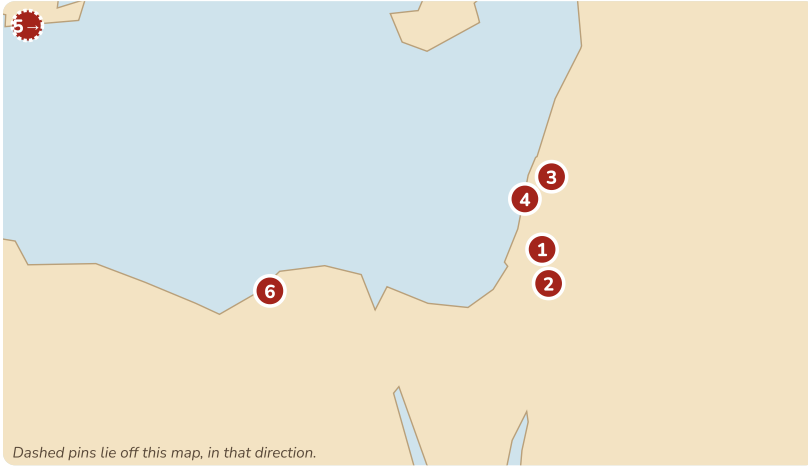
The Jewish–Roman War and the Siege of Jerusalem



Date: _____

Instructions: No word bank: name the numbered places from memory or from the module. Number the events in order and write each date. Analyse the source, explain significance, then write full-sentence answers and plan the essay.

1. Name the places (no word bank)



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1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____ 6 _____

Did you know?

- Josephus began the war as a Jewish commander in Galilee, surrendered in 67 AD and later lived in Rome under Flavian patronage.
- Vespasian left the war in 69 AD to become emperor, leaving his son Titus to besiege Jerusalem.
- The Romans built a huge siege ramp at Masada; it can still be seen today.
- Treasure from Jerusalem helped fund building in Rome, probably including the Colosseum.

Background

Judaea (roughly modern Israel and the Palestinian territories) came under Roman control in 63 BC. The Jewish people worshipped one God, and the Second Temple in Jerusalem, rebuilt grandly by King Herod, was the centre of their faith. Romans usually allowed local religions, but many Roman governors were greedy or insensitive, and some Jews believed they should not be ruled by foreigners at all.

2. Timeline: order and date

Number the events 1 to 7 (1 = earliest) and write the date of each.

#	Event	Date
1	Revolt begins	
2	Siege of Jerusalem; Temple destroyed	
3	Josephus captured at Jotapata	
4	Fall of Masada	
5	Rome takes control of Judaea	
6	Year of the Four Emperors	
7	Colosseum opens	

4. Significance

Person or term	Who or what? Why were they significant?
Vespasian	
Titus	
Josephus	
Nero	
Herod the Great	

3. Source analysis

Titus wanted to save the Temple, but a soldier, without waiting for orders, snatched a burning piece of wood and, lifted up by a comrade, threw it through a window. The flames spread and Titus could not stop them.

Josephus, The Jewish War 6.252–266 (written c.75 AD; paraphrased)

- According to Josephus, who was to blame for the Temple burning?

- Josephus wrote while living in Rome under the protection of Vespasian and Titus. How might this affect his account?

- Why is Josephus still very valuable to historians?

5. Cause and consequence

- Explain two causes of the revolt in 66 AD.

- Explain two consequences of the destruction of the Temple.

6. Longer answers (full sentences)

1. List three causes of the revolt.

2. Why did the Romans build a wall around Jerusalem?

3. How does archaeology support the story of Masada?

4. Why did the Romans celebrate the victory so publicly?

5. Explain in your own words: How has the war been remembered by Jewish people?

7. Essay question

Essay: How far does Josephus's position affect the value of The Jewish War as a source? Reach a judgement.

Plan: introduction · point for (evidence) · point against (evidence) · conclusion with your judgement.
