

**CAUSE-AND-EFFECT TRANSPARENCY ACTIVITY 8**

**Directions:** Read the following information about the Twelve Tables of Rome in the chart. Use this information and the transparency to answer the questions.

The Twelve Tables of Rome			
Table I	Procedures for courts and trials	Table VII	Land rights
Table II	Procedures for courts and trials	Table VIII	Laws concerning injury
Table III	Laws concerning debt	Table IX	Public laws
Table IV	Rights of fathers over the family	Table X	Religious laws
Table V	Laws concerning guardianship and inheritance	Table XI	Additional laws
Table VI	Laws concerning ownership	Table XII	Additional laws

1. According to the transparency, what effect did plebeians' desire for more power have on the Roman Republican government?  
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2. According to the transparency, what problems led to the creation of the Twelve Tables?  
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3. How might representatives on the Council of the Plebs have affected the adoption of the Twelve Tables?  
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4. Why did the Romans choose to elect two consuls instead of only one?  
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5. Read the transparency. What effect did Rome's conquest of surrounding lands have on Roman government?  
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6. What changes did the Roman government undergo in its first few hundred years?  
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7. If a judge was deciding in a matter concerning money that a person owed another, to which table of laws should he refer?  
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8. Why did Roman officials choose to write the laws down?  
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## The Roman Republic

### CAUSES

- Rome needs to rule its conquests
- Rome wants to keep rulers from abusing power
- Rome is attacked
- Plebeians want more power
- Plebeians claim judges act unfairly

### EFFECTS

- Roman Confederation
- Two consuls share power
- Appointment of a dictator
- Council of the Plebs
- Twelve Tables