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Ancient History

Topic Title: Cleopatra: Rome and Egypt, 69-30 BC

This is the final unit of the Ancient History GCSE course covering the relationship between Egypt and the Roman Empire. We will explore the differing impretations of Cleopatra's reign, particularly focussing on her relationships with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony and considering the extent to which history has judged her to be a beautiful seductress.

Keyword	Definition
Pharaoh	Egyptian monarchs
Ptolemaic dynasty	The name of the family who ruled Egypt from 305 – 30 BC
Cleopatra VII	Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and the last of the Ptolemaic dynasty
Hellenistic	Referring to something that is Greek-like, e.g. Cleopatra's Hellenistic appearance – she styled herself like a Greek
Julius Caesar	Roman general and statesman who was assassinated on 15th March 44BC
Mark Antony	Another Roman politician and general who died on 1st August 30 BC
Octavian	Julius Caesar's nephew and adopted son, who defeated Caesar's assassins and took control of Rome.
Client-king	Kings and rulers of non-Roman controlled provinces. They receive help from Rome in return for supporting Rome.
First Triumvirate	Rome - informal political alliance among three prominent politicians in the Roman Republic: Julius Caesar, Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus (Pompey) and Marcus Licinius Crassus.
Second Triumvirate	Rome – political alliance between Mark Antony, Marcus Aemilius Lepidus, and Octavian