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| **Rome** | **Both Empires &** **Comparison Topics** | **Classical China****(Qin & Han)** |
| * 31 BCE- 476 CE
* Eurasia, Britain, North Africa, Middle East, more spread out than Chinese.
* Patricians-elites, wealthy landowning class
* Plebeians-Poorer classes
* Class conflict over unequal land distribution
 | **Time Period**-classical era-roughly same time 200 BCE- 200 CE**Geography**-Similar Size in territory**-Cultural Interaction**-Almost no direct contact with each other- but linked by Silk Road**Social****Culture****-Language****Political****-Centralized Rule****-Citizenship****-Emperor**-both ruled with divine sanction-**Governments invested heavily in public works=**Bridges, canals, defensive walls, etc. **-Law/Philosophy****-Collapse**-got too big, too overextended, too expensive, to be sustained by available resources, no fundamental technological breakthroughs**-Result of Collapse****Religion****Economy/Trade****-Silk Road** | * Qin= 221-206 BCE
* Han 206-220 CE
* East Asia, extends to N. Vietnam, Northeastern Korea, North western steppes area, more centralized area.
* Majority- ethnically Chinese
* Assimilated non-Chinese= culturally, through intermarriage, linguistically
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