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*Was winning the Punic war good for the Roman Republic? Why or why not?*

**Yes, because…**

* Rome was able to take advantage of the riches Sicily had to offer for war and economic reasons.
* The Punic war was a clear defiance of which nation was the strongest; The Romans or the Carthages.
* The war lasted for 23 years and it was considered the greatest war at its time, therefore losing it would have been a great loss.
* Carthage evacuated Sicily and released all prisoners of war.

**No because…**

* Rome suffered the most causalities weighing in at about 200 more ships than the Carthage lost.
* The war cost a lot because it was mainly a naval war, therefore the ships were expensive and they had to build tons of them.

*How Did Romans Treat Their Conquered People During The Second Punic War?*

After defeating Carthage all survivors were either killed or sold into slavery. They also poured salt over the Earth to prevent anything else from ever growing there again. This is important because if you were a survivor, you were considered weak for not fighting until your death during the war, therefore the Romans wanted nothing to do with you. Alas, if you were able to, they put you to work, if you were not, you were killed.

*Favorite Story*

My favorite story was the one about Horatius Cocles and Pons Sublicius. This was my favorite story and hero because without his bravery, the three men were able to save the Roman city and stand up to the Etruscan oppression. This story tells me that the Roman people valued traits such as bravery and perseverance very highly. This story also tells the young Romans how a rightful Roman should act and behave. They should bring honor and pride to their country.