Session Two

To understand how and where Rome was founded.

Starter:

What is happening in the picture?

Do you think this would happen? What else may happen?

Why do people believe in stories that might not be true?



Read the Legend – Romulus and Remus.



Myth or Legend?

According to legend, Rome was founded by two twin brothers named Romulus and Remus.

They were supposedly descended from Mars, the God of War, and raised by a she-wolf. Romulus eventually killed Remus after an argument over a wall, and the city took his name.

Romulus chose a perfect location for his new city, with a river, sea access, and protection from nearby mountains.

The story of Romulus and Remus



The Legend of Romulus and Remus

THE b!g QUESTION

PROGRESS

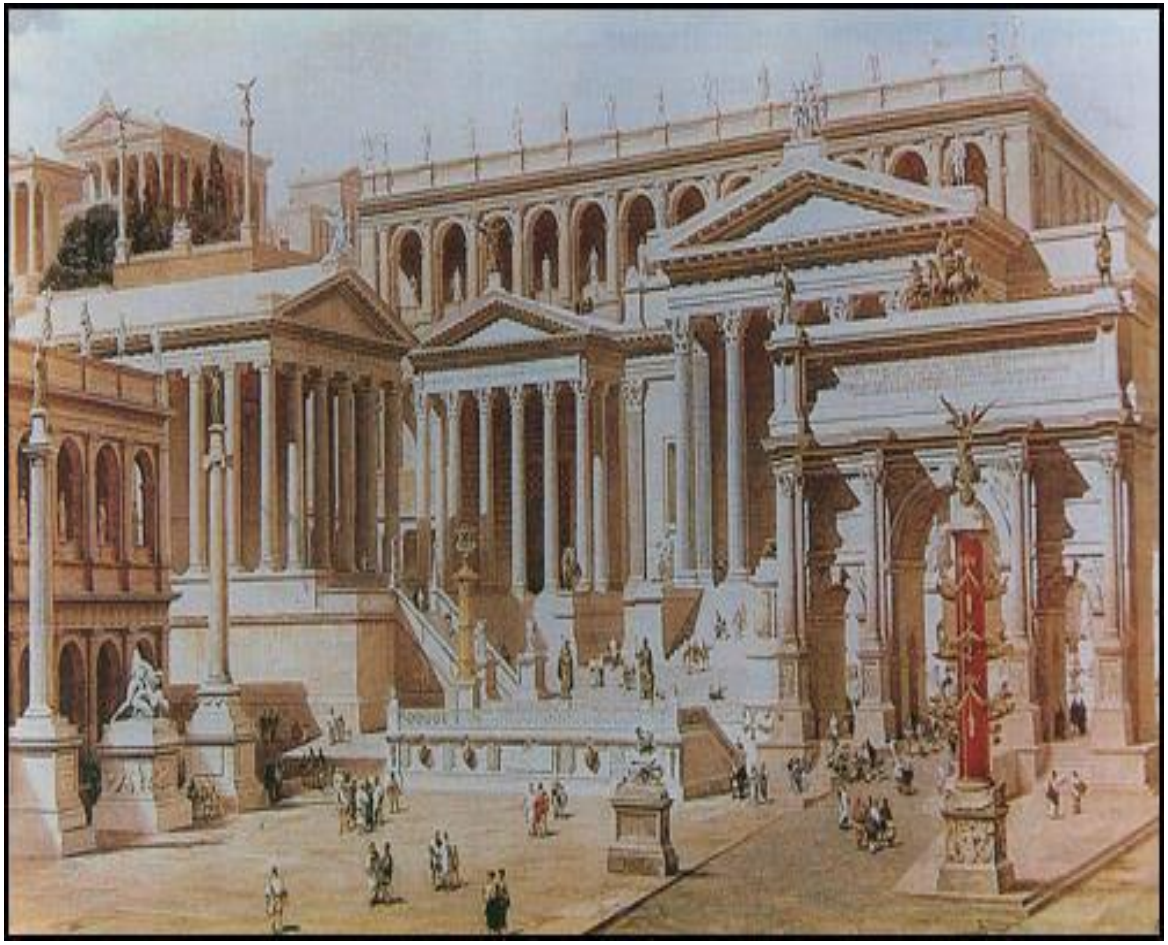
all students will be able to describe details about the story of Romulus and Remus

most students will be able to explain why the Romans used to story of Romulus and Remus

some students will be able to explain their opinion about story of Romulus and Remus and use **examples** from the story as to why the story was retold.

SMSC: Why do people believe in legends?

A legend dating back to about the 4th century BC holds that twin brothers named Romulus and Remus founded the city of Rome.





According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were sons of Mars, the god of war.

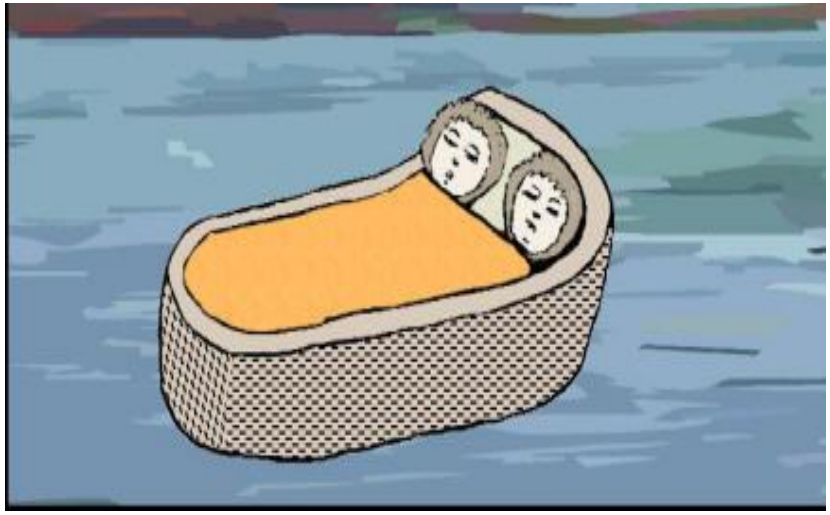
Their mother was Rhea Silvia, the daughter of a king. Her father was removed from the throne by her uncle, Amulius.

Rhea was forced to swear that she would not have children, because Amulius did not want her to give birth to anyone who might threaten his claim to the throne.



Rhea went against her uncle’s wishes and had the twin boys. She was sent to prison and the babies were set adrift on the River Tiber.







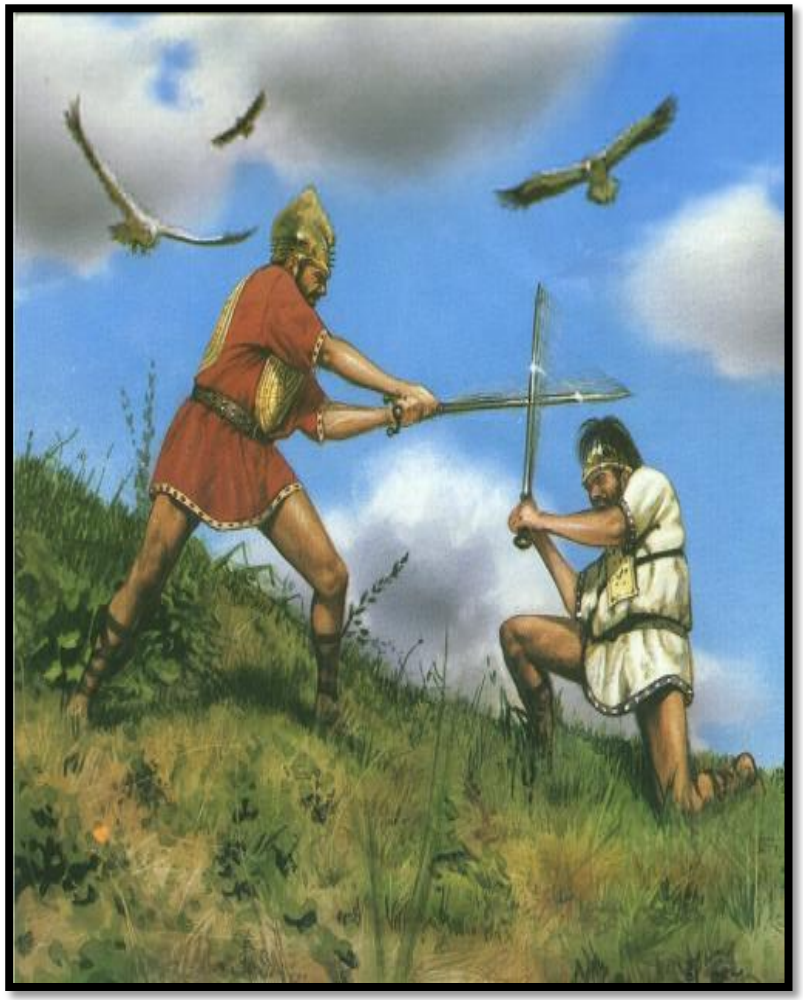
High waters carried the boys to the riverbank and they landed safely under a fig tree. They were found by a she-wolf who took care of the boys.



A shepherd found the twins. He and his wife raised them until they become adults.

The boys found out what had happened to them so they killed Amulius and founded a city on the site where they had been saved by the she-wolf. Romulus ther began to build his city He named his new city after himself-Rome.





Remus was jealous of Romulus's town and decided to jump over the walls to show how rubbish the town was.

Romulus was so angry that the brothers began to fight.

Romulus killed Remus and said

"So perish all who cross my walls!"

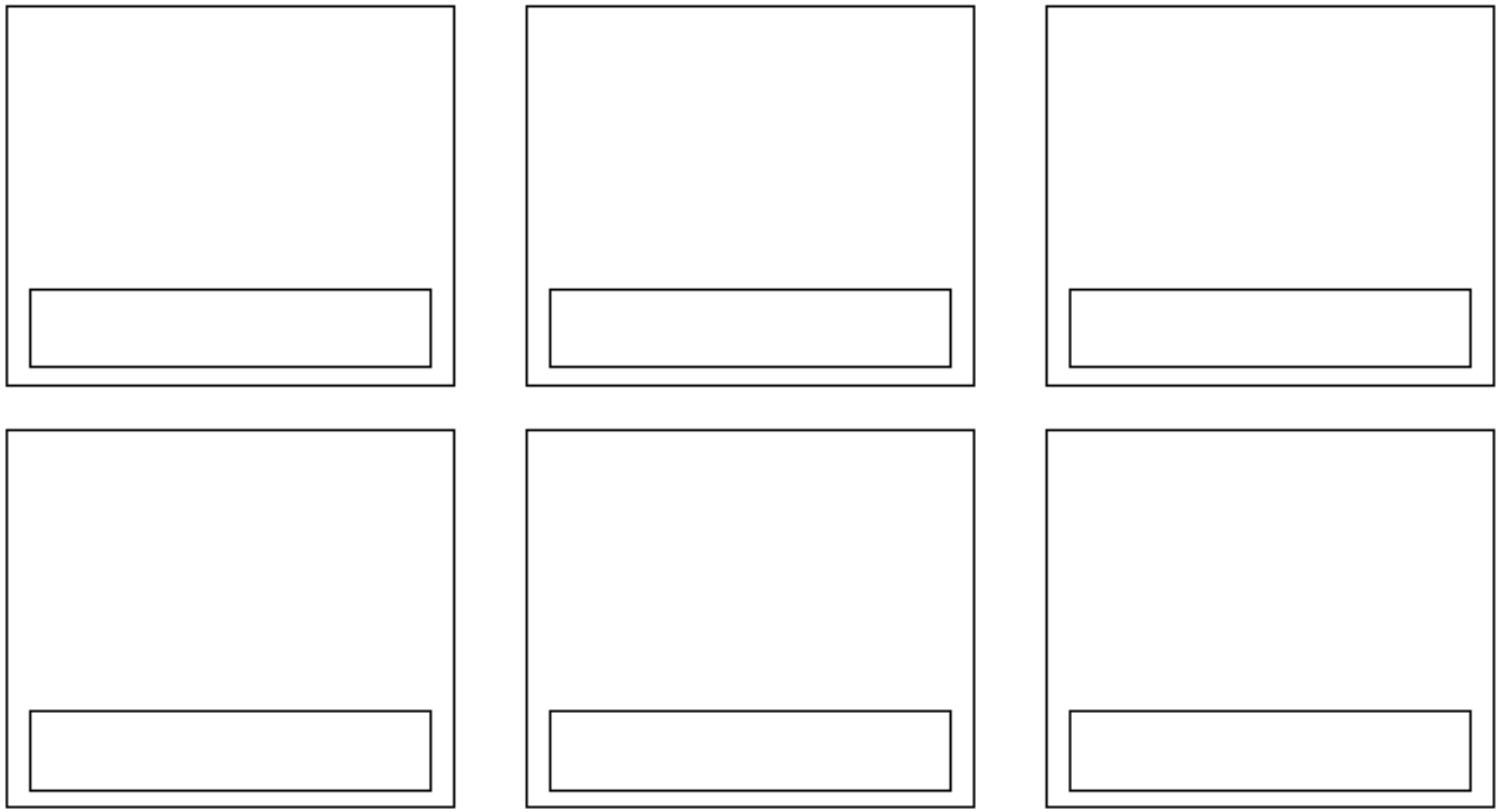
One day Romulus mysteriously disappeared in a storm. Believing that he had been changed into a god, the Romans worshipped him.



Your Task -

Draw a comic strip or picture board representing this story.

Decide on what were the six key stages in the story of the founding of Rome. Then, create a story board with a picture representing each stage, and a short description of what happened.



Which parts of the story they think are true, and which they think are invented?

What makes you think that?

- Study the location of Rome, spread across seven hills by the river Tiber. Label a small map, and discuss why it was such a good location for a city.

Assessment Questions -

- *According to legend, who founded Ancient Rome?*
- *Why was Rome named after Romulus?*
- *What parts of the story of the foundation of Rome do you believe to be true?*
- *Why was Rome a powerful location for a city?*