



## CLEOPATRA

Watch the video about Cleopatra's life. Then fill in the following text.

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decline

synonymous

siblings

cunning

hostile

dynasty

Her name is \_\_\_\_\_ with beauty, power, intrigue and ultimately tragedy.

In 69 BC Cleopatra was born into Egypt's Ptolemaic \_\_\_\_\_, a dynasty in \_\_\_\_\_ and under the protection of Rome. At the age of 18 she assumed the throne along with her younger brother as husband, Ptolemy XIII, according to Egyptian royal custom. But these royal \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ to each other and Cleopatra was soon forced from power. Down but not out, Cleopatra waited for the right opportunity to prove her political \_\_\_\_\_.

captivated

rivals

opportunity

gave birth

pursuit

That \_\_\_\_\_ came when Julius Caesar, the newly minted victor in Rome's civil war, arrived in Alexandria, Egypt, in \_\_\_\_\_ of a renegade Roman general. As legend has it, Cleopatra smuggled herself into his inner sanctum rolled up inside a rug. Caesar was \_\_\_\_\_ and they soon fell in love. He took arms against Cleopatra's \_\_\_\_\_, and restored her to the throne. Shortly after she \_\_\_\_\_ to a boy, Caesarion, whom she claimed was Caesar's son.

heir-apparents

sovereign

independent

assassination

allies

Egypt was a vastly wealthy country and Cleopatra sought to keep it \_\_\_\_\_ of Rome. Her affair with Caesar kept the Romans from taking direct Roman control of Egypt, but his \_\_\_\_\_ made her status, and that of her country uncertain. Searching for \_\_\_\_\_ among Rome's new leaders, she was delighted when Marc Antony, one of Caesar's \_\_\_\_\_, sent for her. Marc Anthony fell head over heels for the Egyptian queen and her riches. Together they set up court in Alexandria, an arrangement that elevated Cleopatra from "protected" \_\_\_\_\_ to a fully independent monarch.

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Cleopatra and Antony shared a legendary love matched by their \_\_\_\_\_ appetite for empire. They eventually married and became the \_\_\_\_\_ of Eastern Mediterranean. Antony tried to bring some Roman territories under her \_\_\_\_\_. And he declared Cleopatra's son Caesarion to be the son and the \_\_\_\_\_ heir to Julius Ceasar. That infuriated Mark Anthony's Roman rival, Octavian, who went to war against them. Antony and Cleopatra were quickly \_\_\_\_\_ at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC.

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Legend tells us that Cleopatra spread \_\_\_\_\_ of her death. Consumed by grief over her death, Antony stabbed himself. But word came she was still alive, and Antony's followers carried him to Cleopatra where he died in her arms. After 22 years as queen, Cleopatra's fortunes were fast \_\_\_\_\_. She tried in vain to \_\_\_\_\_ Octavian. Rather than be humiliated by the Romans in defeat, she took hold of \_\_\_\_\_, permitting it to inflict a poisonous and mortal wound. With her death, the fate of the Ptolemaic dynasty was sealed, and Egypt fell firmly into Roman hands.

Although her ambitions were never realized, Cleopatra has achieved \_\_\_\_\_ through her personal story of love and tragedy.

