

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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defeated	domain	power couple	rightful	insatiable

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.

an asp	false rumors	immortality	make peace with	unraveling

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.



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