



CLEOPATRA

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

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decline	synonymous	siblings	cunning	hostile	dynasty
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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
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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
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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.

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.

