

Romans-Justify your answers

Directions: Fill in the blank with a word that makes sense to you. Circle words near the blank that show why you chose that word. Next, look at the multiple choice answers. Which of the answers is the worst? Which other answers don't make sense? How did you come up with your correct answer? Why is it correct?

Most of us have heard the expression "all roads lead to Rome."  
The fact is, as hard as it might be to believe, this phrase was true about 2,000 years ago.

- (1)
- a. hardly
  - b. never
  - c. not
  - d. slowly
  - e. easily

There weren't many roads in existence then, but those that were built were made so that the Romans could \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ move their large army and protect the large empire. Trade routes were also becoming \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_. With well-built roads, travel became much easier and faster.

**WHY?**

Building this \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ of roadways was no easy task. First, Romans had to dig until they reached hard soil. Then they added layers of stone and cement. The main roads were laid with large flat stones. Often, workers had to dig tunnels through mountains of rock. Without explosives, this was a long, difficult process.

- (2)
- a. difficult
  - b. boring
  - c. important
  - d. trustworthy
  - e. extinct

**WHY?**

With only shovels, picks, and other simple tools, the Romans built a system of roads that lasted for hundreds of years.

- (3)
- a. track
  - b. horror
  - c. turnpike
  - d. system
  - e. empire

**WHY?**