

## War in the West

- The next 120 years = 264-140 BC
- Roman “Hydra” fighting on different fronts:
  1. Carthage
  2. North Italy/Gauls
  3. Spain...
  4. ... East

## Carthage: Qart Hadacht (New City, 814 BC)

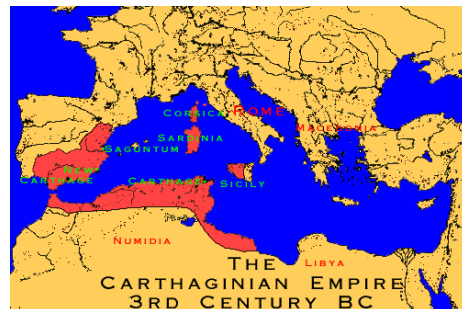


Phoenicia = Poenica = Punic

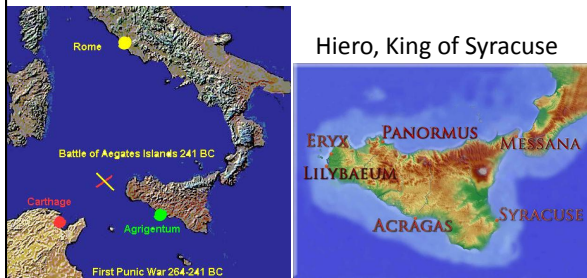
## Carthage vs. Rome

- commerce vs. agriculture
- navy/sea vs. infantry/land
- Soldiers: mercenaries vs. citizens
- Generals: professional vs. consuls
- Oligarchy vs. “mix”
- First Punic War 264-241
- Second Punic War 218-201
- Third Punic War 149-146

## Treaties



## Mamertines in Messana (Sicily)



Hiero, King of Syracuse

*Iustum piumque bellum?* (A Just War?):  
Fear/paranoia and Greed

## Polybius on Rome's decision...

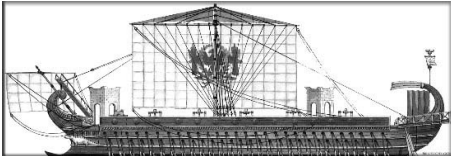
"For a long while the Romans could not make up their minds, since it was clear that to give help to the Mamertines would be wholly inconsistent..."

But the Romans saw too that the Carthaginians had brought not only Africa, but also great part of Spain under their rule and that they were the masters of all the islands...

The Roman saw that if the Carthaginians gained control over Sicily they would prove the most vexatious and dangerous of neighbors, since they would encircle Italy on every side and threaten every part of the Country, and this was the prospect which the Romans dreaded."

## 1<sup>st</sup> Punic War: Roman adaptability

- 264 BC (Start of War)  
120 Carthaginian quinqueremes vs. 0 Roman

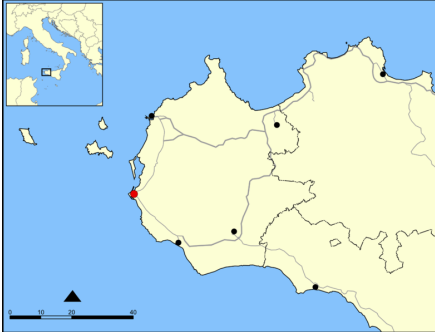


- 260 BC (Mylae): 130 Carth. vs. 140 Roman

## Corvus (corvi, pl.) = the crow/raven



241 Battle of Aegates Islands:  
Roman victory and Carthage asks for peace



### Conclusion of First Punic War

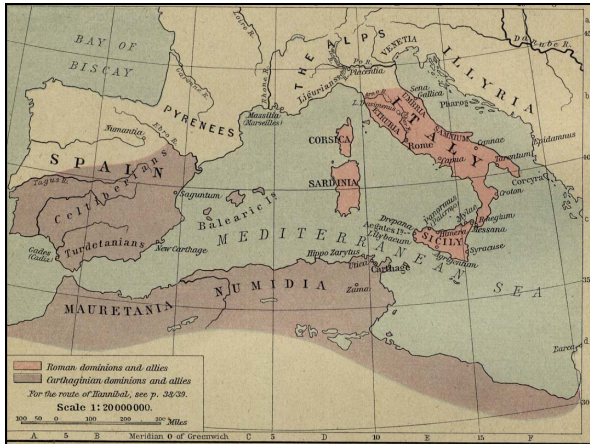
- Carthage leaves Sicily
- Carthage pays huge indemnity
  
- Why Rome's success?
  - Cautious Carthage vs. Aggressive Romans
  - Manpower of Rome's Italian base
  - Roman adaptability and tenacity

### Effects of Rome's Victory?

- Rome now Mediterranean power
- With a Navy!
- Sicily is Rome's first overseas province– and tax-paying province
- Influx of wealth to Rome from tribute
- Add more praetors to manage with province
- Carthaginians at war with mercenaries

### Rome pushes it...

- 238 BC: Rome declares war against Carthage unless Carthage agrees to give up Sardinia and pay another indemnity of 1,200 talents.
  
- Carthage has to agree due to mercenary war:
  - pays new indemnity
  - abandons Sardinia + Corsica → Roman prov.



**Northern Italy: Gauls and native tribes**

- Cisalpine Gaul– “Gaul on this side of Alps”
- Cisalpine Gaul becomes *Italia Transpadana*
- Romanization, large-scale colonization, roads
  - Placentia + Bologna
- Ligurians (NW Italy)
- Something new: “Consistent and unremitting combination of imperialism, militarism, expansionism and colonialism.” -Fergus Millar