EMPIRES PRIOR TO THE WARS
The war was fought because both Rome and Carthage wanted the island of Sicily.

Punic = Punicus = Phoenicians
FIRST PUNIC WAR

Carthage already had people on the island, but Rome wanted to invade and take over.

Rome did not have a good navy, but needed one to fight the Carthaginians.

The war lasted for 20 years, until Rome crushed Carthage.
What is the difference between the two pictures?

Why do you think it took more than 20 years for the First Punic War to end?
SECOND PUNIC WAR

Carthage had extended its empire into southern Spain. This caused unrest in Rome...why?!

To ease Roman tension, the Roman government helped Spanish rebels fight back against the Carthaginians.

To get back at Rome, Carthage sent their most famous, best general to attack Rome...
HANNIBAL!

Took an army of:
- around 50,000 men.
- 6,000 horsemen.
- 37 elephants.

…and crossed the Alps to reach Rome!

Hannibal suffered large losses while crossing the mountains during winter to reach Rome! Almost half of the soldiers died and most of the elephants.
SECOND PUNIC WAR

Hannibal finally reaches Rome.

He meets a Roman army of close to 200,000 men.

The first major battle is at Cannae.
Hannibal wins!

Hannibal terrorizes Italy for almost 15 years while Rome tries everything they can to defeat him.

Rome devises a plan to get Hannibal out of Italy…
SECOND PUNIC WAR

Scipio Africanus, a Roman general, leads a large Roman legion into Carthage.

Hannibal knows he must return home…

What would you do if you was Hannibal?
Scipio wins! Carthage must give up Spain, their navy, and give Rome a lot of gold.

Rome gets more land and Carthage is no longer a threat.
THIRD PUNIC WAR

What do you do with someone that you have been fighting for almost 100 years already?

They are already weak because you have beaten them twice before.

You are a Roman consul…what do you try to persuade to the Senate? **Attack and conquer, or work with Carthage.**
ROME CONQUERS!

Rome leads an army into Carthage and:

- Takes 50,000 men, women, and children as slaves.
- Burns Carthage to the ground.
- Pours salt all over their fields.

and finally…

Rome becomes the largest empire in the world at that time.
ROMAN EMPIRE AFTER THE PUNIC WARS 264-146 BC

Watch how the Roman empire grows by using the link above…the numbers in the bottom corner represent the time.

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