

The Empire Supplies Rome

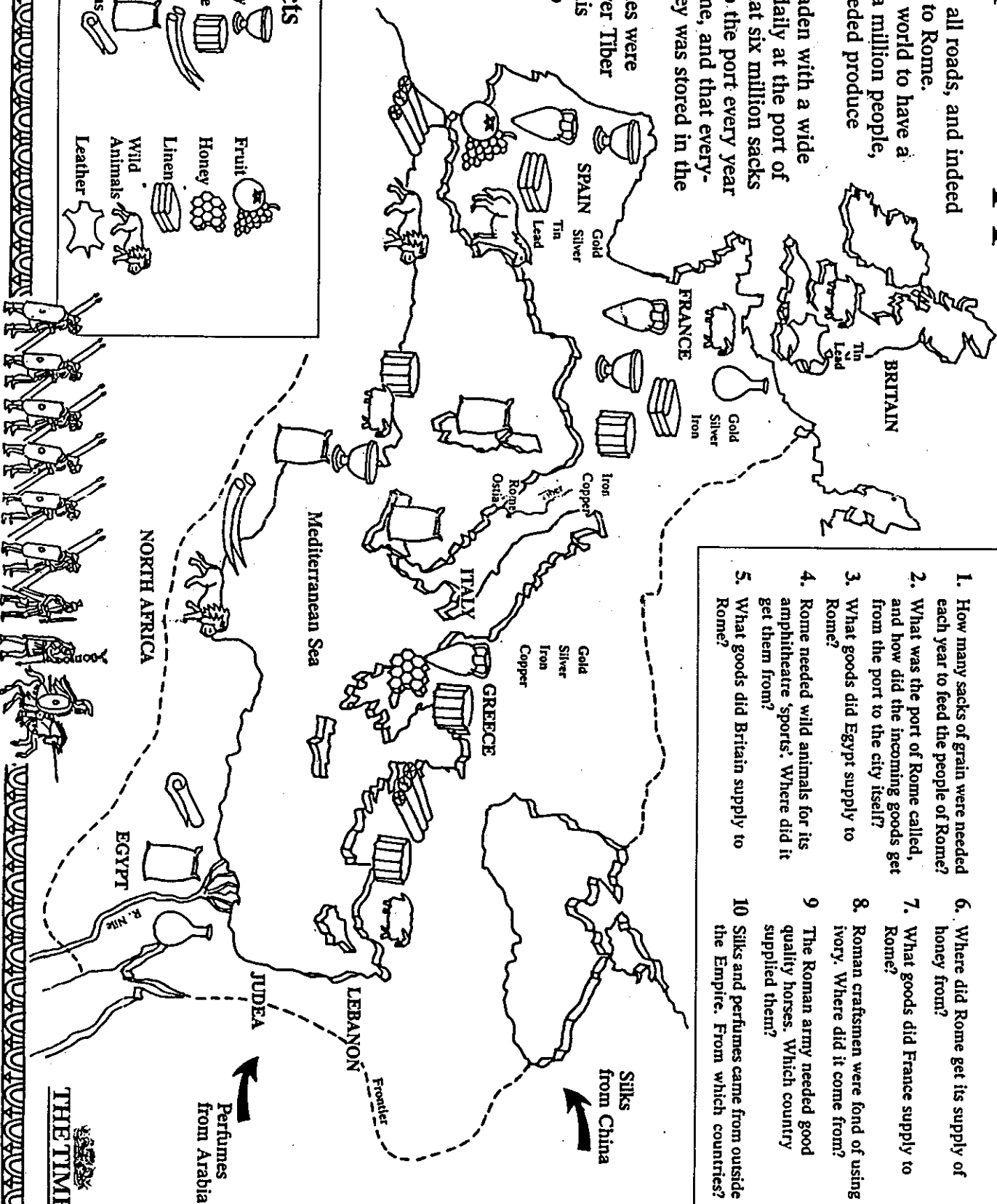
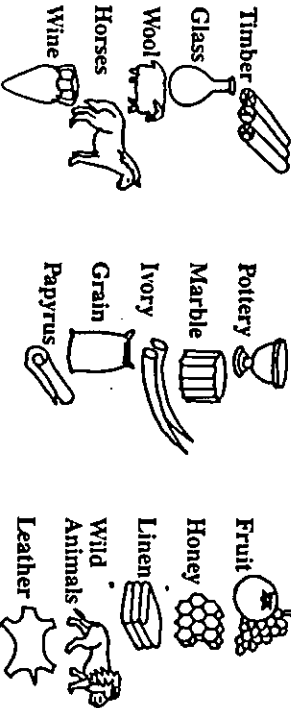
In the days of the Empire all roads, and indeed all routes did in fact lead to Rome. It was the first city in the world to have a population of more than a million people, and to support itself it needed produce from across the Empire.

Merchant ships, heavily laden with a wide variety of goods, arrived daily at the port of Rome, Ostia. We know that six million sacks of grain were shipped into the port every year to feed the citizens of Rome, and that everything from marble to honey was stored in the vast warehouses.

From Ostia, all the supplies were taken by barge up the River Tiber to the city itself. It was this trade that built Rome into the most prosperous and elegant city of its time.

When you have finished colour code the symbols.

Key to the products



Questions

Study the map very carefully then answer these questions in your exercise book. Use full sentences.

1. How many sacks of grain were needed each year to feed the people of Rome?
2. What was the port of Rome called, and how did the incoming goods get from the port to the city itself?
3. What goods did Egypt supply to Rome?
4. Rome needed wild animals for its amphitheatre 'sports'. Where did it get them from?
5. What goods did Britain supply to Rome?
6. Where did Rome get its supply of honey from?
7. What goods did France supply to Rome?
8. Roman craftsmen were fond of using ivory. Where did it come from?
9. The Roman army needed good quality horses. Which country supplied them?
10. Silks and perfumes came from outside the Empire. From which countries?