

## Chapter 17 Reading Questions

### Little History of the World – Pax Romana and the Third-Century Crisis

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**Directions:** Answer each question using the text and your prior knowledge.

1. According to Gombrich, why did Rome have to “keep troops permanently stationed at the frontiers to defend the empire”?
2. What country did Trajan conquer? What did it become?
3. What was the official religion of both Roman states? What symbol became the legion’s battle emblem?

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#### **Reflection:**

There are a lot of interesting stories sprinkled throughout this chapter, most of which we never touched on in class. What stories stood out most to you? Why?