

## USING CONTEXT CLUES

**HADRIAN**

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Roman Emperor Hadrian (76 A.D.-138 A.D.) played a brief but fateful role in the history of the land that the Romans called Palestine. The results of his actions are still pro-

ducing repercussions today. Fill in the missing blanks in the text with words from the vocabulary list, based on the clues given you by the context of the sentence.

**altered****Caesar****church****complained****construction****England****expansion****found****frontiers****Greece****Iraq****judge****mosque****Muslims****occupy****Palestine****return****revolted****ruler****Temple**

Many historians believe that Hadrian was the **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ under whom the Roman Empire reached its greatest strength. He became Emperor in 117 A.D., succeeding his uncle, Trajan.

Hadrian reorganized Roman law. He appointed a respected **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ to clarify previous interpretations of the law, then put them into one set of rules. He declared that no law could be **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ except by the Emperor.

Recognizing that the empire was getting too big to control, Hadrian reversed Trajan's policy of **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_. He withdrew from Mesopotamia. (Centuries later, U.S. troops would **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_ the modern nation of Iraq, located there.) Instead, he concentrated on strengthening the empire's farthest reaches, or its **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_. On his orders, workers built Hadrian's Wall in Britain. It separated Roman-ruled **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ from a rebellious Scotland.

Hadrian's rule was largely peaceful. The one exception was Palestine. The Emperor built a shrine to Roman gods on the ruins of the Jewish **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem. Hadrian also prohibited Jews from entering the city except for one day a year. In 132 A.D., angry Jews **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_, but the Roman Army crushed them. More than half a million people were killed in the violence. In 135, Hadrian expelled the Jews from Jerusalem. They left Palestine and did not begin to **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ until nearly 1,800 years later.