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Rivals of Destiny: The Epic Punic Wars

Short Answer Key

1. The First Punic War was primarily caused by a dispute over control of Sicily. Rome emerged victorious, gaining control of Sicily and leading to the expansion of its territories.
2. Hannibal was a Carthaginian general known for his audacious campaign during the Second Punic War. He crossed the Alps with his army and elephants, catching the Romans by surprise.
3. Scipio Africanus contributed to Rome's victory in the Second Punic War by leading a successful counteroffensive against Hannibal and defeating him at the Battle of Zama in 202 BCE.
4. The consequences of Carthage's defeat in the Third Punic War were devastating. The city was besieged, captured, and destroyed by Rome, marking the end of Carthage as a major power.
5. The Punic Wars had a lasting impact on Rome, establishing it as the dominant power in the Mediterranean and paving the way for its transformation into an empire. Carthage, on the other hand, was reduced to ruins and lost its influence.

