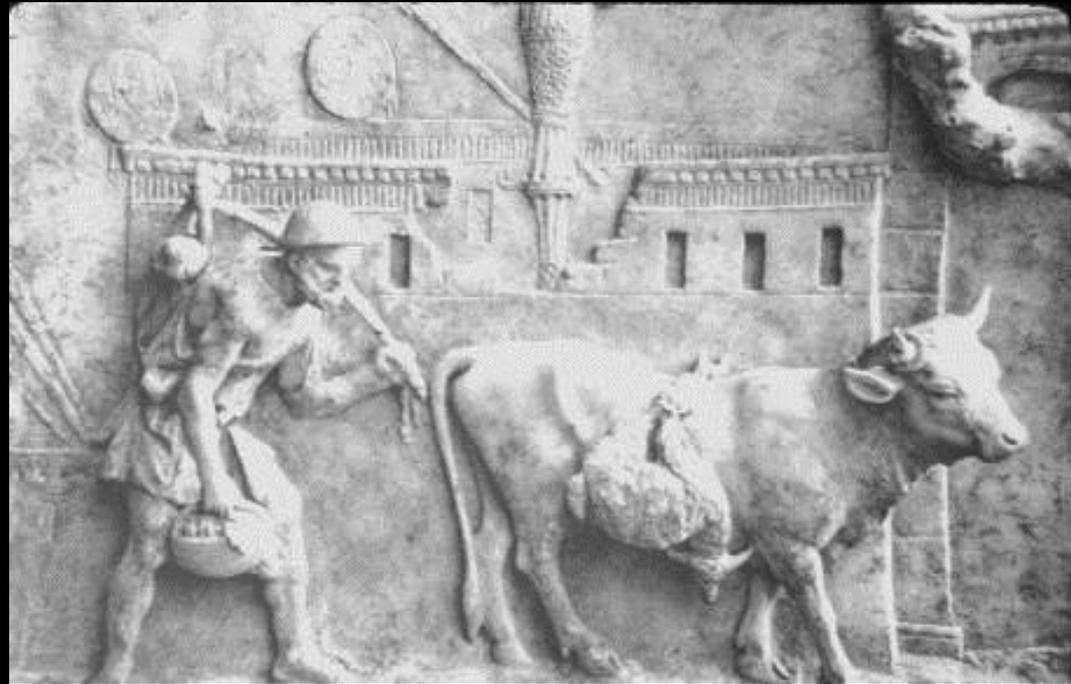


# Consequences of Empire II: Arming and Farming



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# COMITIA CENTURIATA

|                       | <i>iuniores</i> | <i>seniores</i> |  | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|--------------|
| Equites               | 12              | 6               |  | 18           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Class | 40              | 40              |  | 80           |
| Fabri                 | 1               | 1               |  | 2            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>       | 10              | 10              |  | 20           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | 10              | 10              |  | 20           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>       | 10              | 10              |  | 20           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>       | 15              | 15              |  | 30           |
| Musicians             | 1               | 1               |  | 2            |
| Capite censi          |                 |                 |  | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |                 |                 |  | <b>193</b>   |

# Comitia Tributa and Concilium Plebis

35 Voting Groups (*tribus*):

4 Urban tribes

31 Rural tribes

# CURSUS HONORUM

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Min. Age</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Consul        | 2             | 42              |
| Praetor       | 2 to 4 to 8   | 39              |
| Aedile        | 4             | 36              |
| Tribune       | 10            | Unfixed         |
| Quaestor      | 4 to 10 to 20 | 30              |

# The Roman Census Classes

Senators and Equites                      400,000 sest.

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1st Class                                      100,000

2nd Class                                      75,000

3rd Class                                      50,000

4th Class                                      25,000

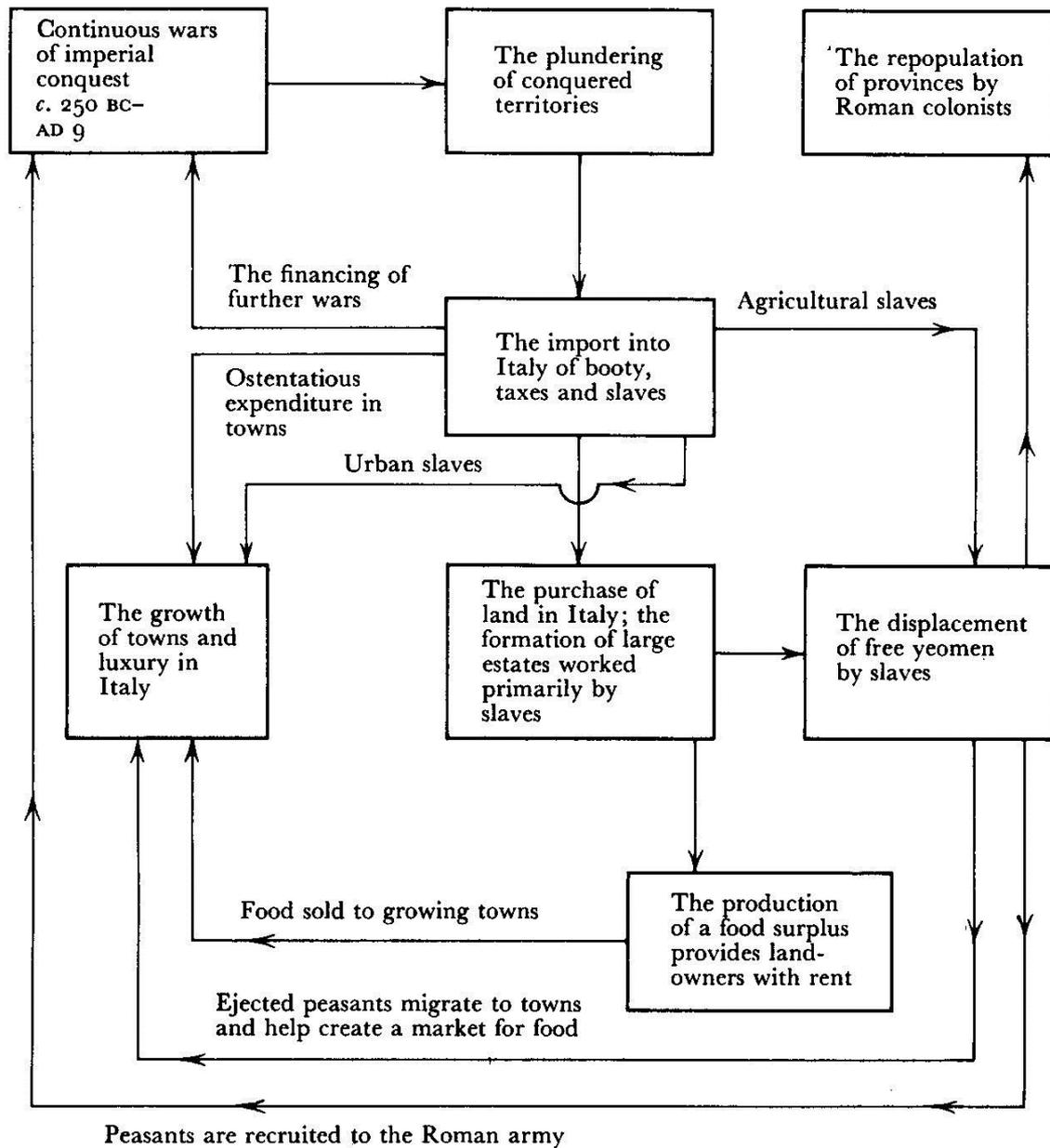
5th Class                                      11,000

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Capite censi                                      0







Peasants are recruited to the Roman army



# Signs of strain? – mid-late 2<sup>nd</sup> c. BC

- 151 – Fierce opposition to the levy
- 138 – Fierce opposition to the levy
- 137 – Defeat at Numantia (Spain)

# 2<sup>nd</sup> c. BC Census Figures

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| • 194/3 BC | 243,704 |
| • 189/8    | 258,318 |
| • 179/8    | 258,794 |
| • 174/3    | 269,015 |
| • 169/8    | 312,805 |
| • 164/3    | 337,022 |
| • 159/8    | 328,316 |
| • 154/3    | 324,000 |
| • 147/6    | 322,000 |
| • 142/1    | 327,442 |
| • 136/5    | 317,933 |
| • 131/0    | 318,823 |

## Land reforms of the Gracchi, 133–22 BC

Observing the desolation of the countryside in 137 BC while on a journey, and the scale of the *latifundia* (aggregated farms owned by the wealthy) worked only by slaves, Tiberius Gracchus conceived his reforms

150 slaves rise up in keeping with reported revolts in Delos, Africa, and other centers in 136 BC

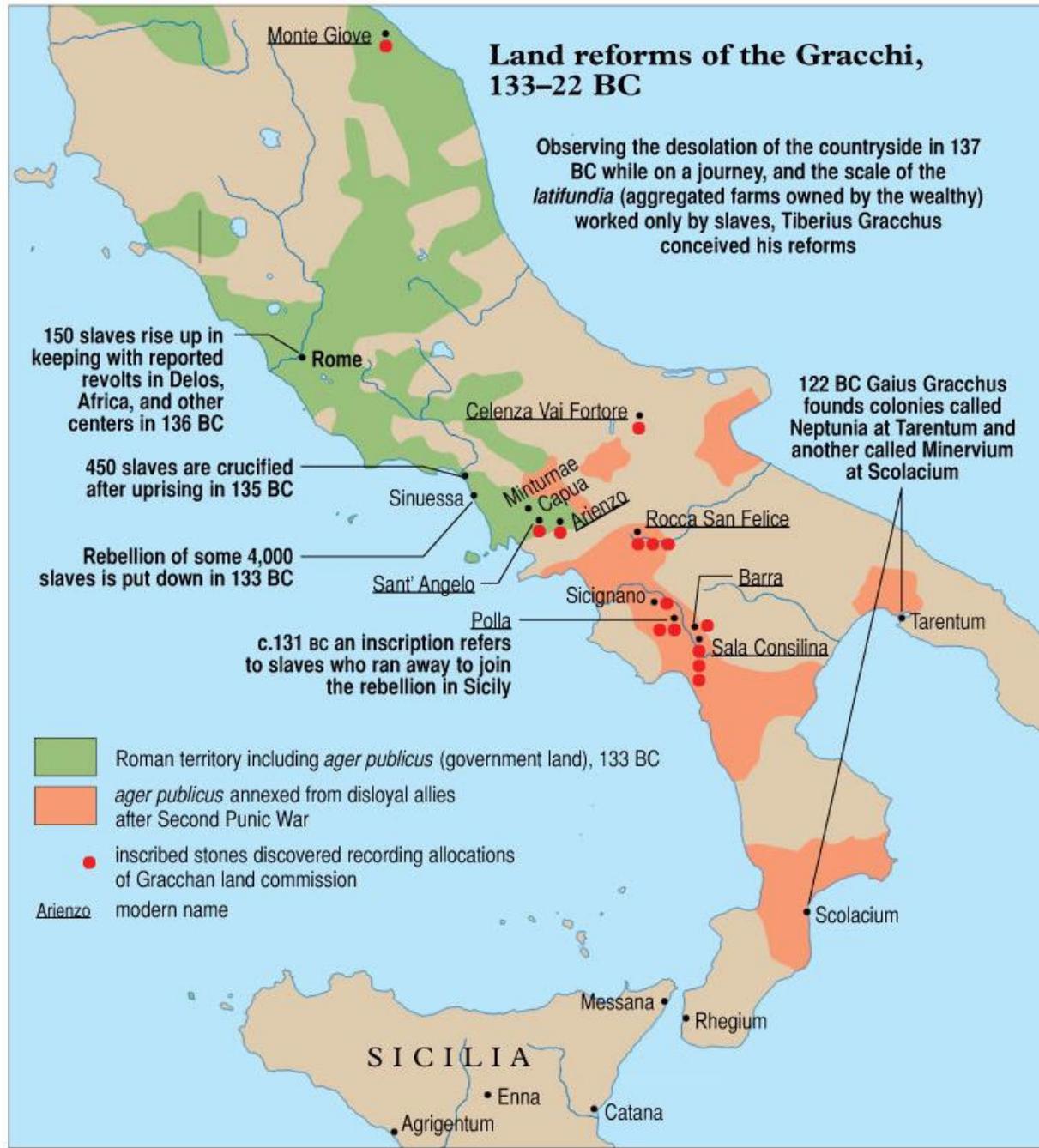
450 slaves are crucified after uprising in 135 BC

Rebellion of some 4,000 slaves is put down in 133 BC

c.131 BC an inscription refers to slaves who ran away to join the rebellion in Sicily

122 BC Gaius Gracchus founds colonies called Neptunia at Tarentum and another called Minervium at Scolacium

- Roman territory including *ager publicus* (government land), 133 BC
- ager publicus* annexed from disloyal allies after Second Punic War
- inscribed stones discovered recording allocations of Gracchan land commission
- Arienzo modern name



# Roman military struggles – late 2<sup>nd</sup> c. BC

- 119 – Macedonia
- 109 – North Africa (Jugurtha)
- 113-105 – Cimbri and Teutones

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