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Use the fact cards to plan where you will put different information into your newspaper report. Add in any notes which you think will be useful when writing your report.

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Death of Cleopatra VII

Before she died

In the year 32 BC, the ruler of Rome, Octavian, had declared war on Cleopatra and Marc Antony. This stemmed from Cleopatra's belief that her son, Caesarion, should have inherited his father's (Caesar) control over Rome and its Empire.

In September 30 BC, there was a great battle between Octavian's ships and Cleopatra and Antony's ships. This was called the Battle of Actium. Octavian defeated the Egyptian fleet and Cleopatra and Antony fled back to Egypt. When Octavian invaded Egypt in 30

BC, Antony was sure he'd be killed for betraying Rome. Believing his love, Cleopatra, was also dead, Antony killed himself using his own sword on 1st August. Octavian made it clear that when he returned to Rome, he would parade Cleopatra as a prisoner to celebrate his victory in Egypt, humiliating her and her children.



Suicide

On 10th August, 30 BC, the royal guards in Alexandria found Cleopatra dead. Her handmaids were also lying dead around her. It is believed that she had a venomous asp snake bite her, poisoning herself. However some believe that she may have used a poisonous lotion on a cut in her skin. In a note, she requested that she be buried with Marc Antony.

After her death

Before she died, Cleopatra had made plans that Caesarion should take over as king of Egypt. However after a successful invasion, Octavian now ruled Egypt, which became part of the Roman empire. Octavian immediately captured three of Cleopatra's children: Alexander Helios, Cleopatra Selene and Ptolemy Philadelphus. Octavian made plans to capture and kill her eldest son, Caesarion, so he had full control over Egypt.