

SURRENDER AT SEA

After declaring war on Egypt, Octavian, the ruler of Rome, has defeated Egyptian allied ships in the sea battle at Actium.

On 2nd September Octavian and Antony's fleets of ships met in battle in the open waters near the city of Actium. It is believed that Octavian's fleet had over 200 warships. Although he commanded a similar number of ships, Marc Antony's fleet was of higher quality and he had the support of Queen Cleopatra's ships. However, having more ships proved useless against Octavian's tactics and battle experience.

Throughout the battle, it seemed the two sides were evenly matched, until the sudden retreat of Queen Cleopatra's additional forces. Without clear support, Octavian's forces had the upper hand over Marc Antony's fleet. The



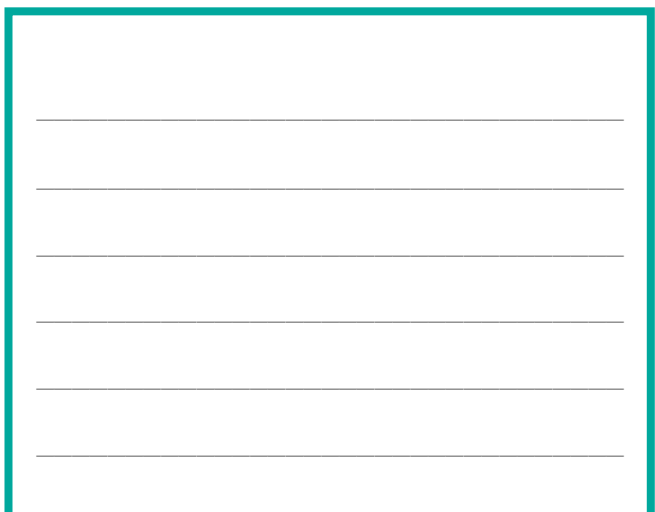

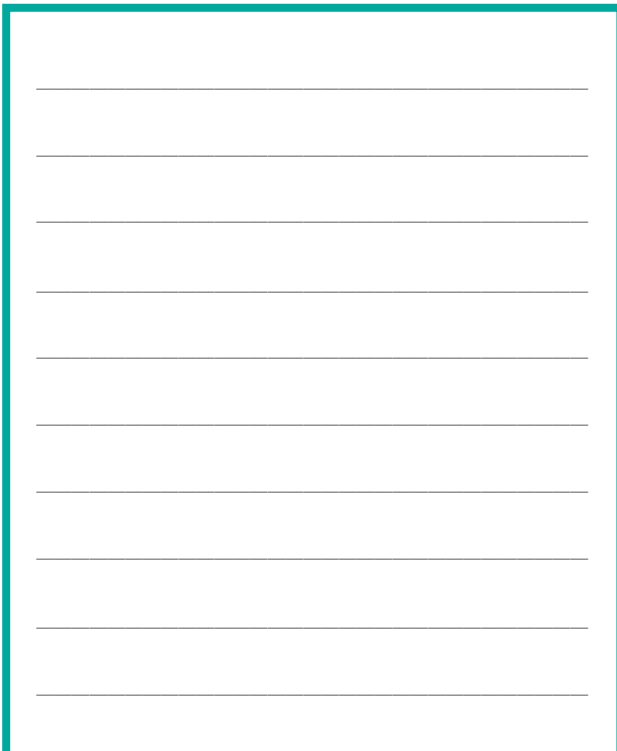
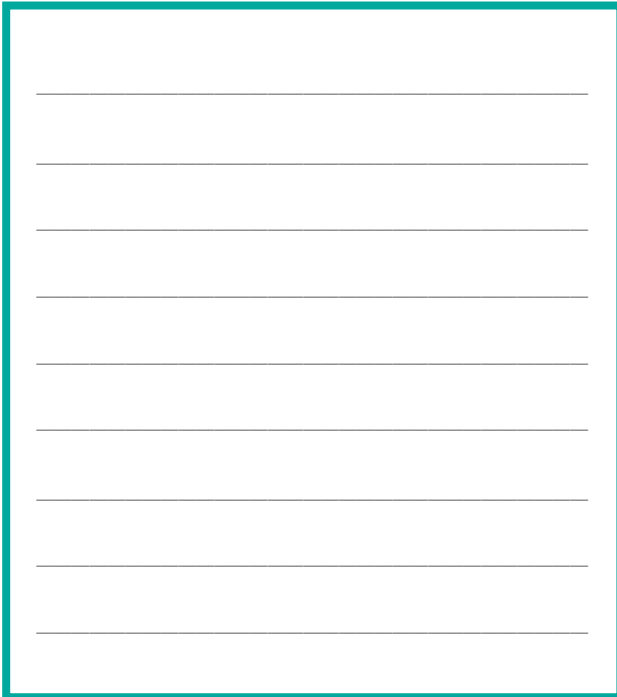
The battle in the the open waters near Actium.

Roman ships, soldiers and archers burned or captured many of Antony's fleet, forcing their leader to escape on a smaller ship. Eye-witnesses observed Antony seizing an opportunity as he broke through a gap in Octavian's fleet, allowing him to escape with Queen Cleopatra close behind on her own ship. After seeing this, many of his own sailors expressed deep upset that their leader had abandoned them. This led to many of them being

captured and surrendering to Octavian. The result of this violent battle leaves Queen Cleopatra and Antony in a weakened position. Because of this defeat, the war between Cleopatra and Octavian has come to an end. Speculations are arising that Octavian will regroup his forces and advance on Alexandria. If this were to happen, Egypt could fall under the rule of Rome.

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