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**The Rise of Numidia and the Legacy of King Massinissa**

***Text:***

The Berber Kingdom of Numidia was in North Africa, mostly in today’s Algeria. Numidia was important from the 3rd century BC to the 1st century AD. The Numidians, the people of Numidia, were known for their strong army, especially their expert horse riders, who played a big part in the Punic Wars.

The most famous king of Numidia was Massinissa. He is remembered for making smart decisions about who to work with in wars. Massinissa was born around 240 BC. At first, he worked with Carthage during the Second Punic War. But later, he changed sides and helped Rome. His choice helped defeat Carthage and made sure Numidia stayed safe. This also helped Numidia become stronger.

After the war, Massinissa made Numidia better by protecting the land and improving farming. He brought new ways to farm, which made the economy and people’s lives better. Under his rule, Numidia became rich and powerful. His decisions about the army, politics, and farming made him an important leader in North Africa.

Massinissa’s legacy is not just about winning wars but also about building a strong country for the Numidians. His leadership helped make sure Numidia stayed an important kingdom for many years.

### ****Activities:****

**1. Vocabulary Match:**  
Match the words from the text with their definitions:

* 1. Cavalry
* 2. Punic Wars
* 3. Numidia
* 4. Mediterranean
* 5. Sahara

Definitions:  
a) A large desert in North Africa ………….  
b) A series of wars fought between Rome and Carthage ………….  
c) A type of military force mounted on horseback ………….  
d) An ancient Berber kingdom ………….  
e) A sea that borders southern Europe and northern Africa ………….

**2. True or False Activity:**

Read the following statements and determine if they are true or false, justify your answer.

* Numidia was located in the southern part of Europe.
* The Numidians were known for their powerful cavalry.
* The kingdom of Numidia was unimportant in the Punic Wars.
* Numidia was divided into two regions: western and eastern.

**3. Comprehension Questions:**

Answer the following questions based on the text:

* When was Massinissa born and when did he die?

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* What was Massinissa’s role in the Second Punic War?

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* How did Massinissa strengthen his kingdom after the war?

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* Why is Massinissa considered a reformer?

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