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**The Three-Part Government: Rome’s Republic**

***“For if we were to focus on the power of the consuls it would appear to be altogether monarchical and kingly in nature. If, however, we were to focus on the powers of the Senate, it would appear to be a government under the control of an aristocracy. And yet if one were to look at the powers enjoyed by the people, it would seem plain that it was democratic in nature.”***

***Polybius,* *Histories***

About Polybius: Polybius was a Greek historian that wrote about the rise of the Roman Republic and its conquest over Greece.

**Instructions: Students, examine the quote by Polybius. How does this quote reflect the government of Rome? What is Polybius central idea? Use your Bubble Maps from the reading to help you answer these questions. Review the vocabulary term, *tripartite,* this will also help.**