The 3rd century BC

Alexandria: Euclid, Archimedes, and the measure of the Earth.

The Library of Alexandria gathered the world's books. Euclid wrote the Elements, Archimedes founded mechanics, and Eratosthenes measured the Earth's circumference.

What rose

c. 300 BC. Euclid's Elements. Source: Euclid's Elements

c. 250 BC. Archimedes: the lever, buoyancy, and the value of pi. Source: Archimedes

c. 240 BC. Eratosthenes measures the circumference of the Earth. Source: Eratosthenes

c. 280 BC. The Lighthouse of Alexandria. Source: Lighthouse of Alexandria

What fell or stalled

The Second Punic War: Hannibal ravaged Italy for fifteen years. Source: Second Punic War

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