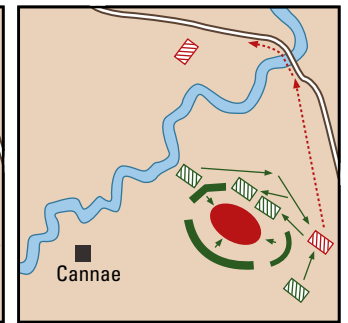
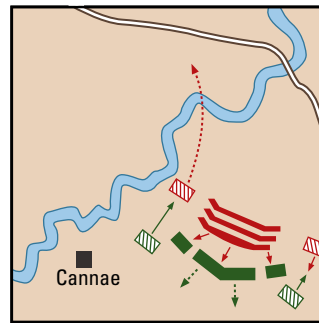


# EXPANSION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

## The Battle of Cannae, 216 BCE

- Rome*
- Advance
  - Retreat
- Carthage*
- Advance
  - Retreat



The Carthaginians, led by Hannibal, were able to inflict the single greatest defeat of the Romans in the history of their empire. By feigning retreat and convincing the Romans that they were abandoning Cannae, the Carthaginian army was able to surround the Romans and defeat them without mercy. This defeat caused great alarm to the citizens of Rome, as it left them nearly defenseless.

