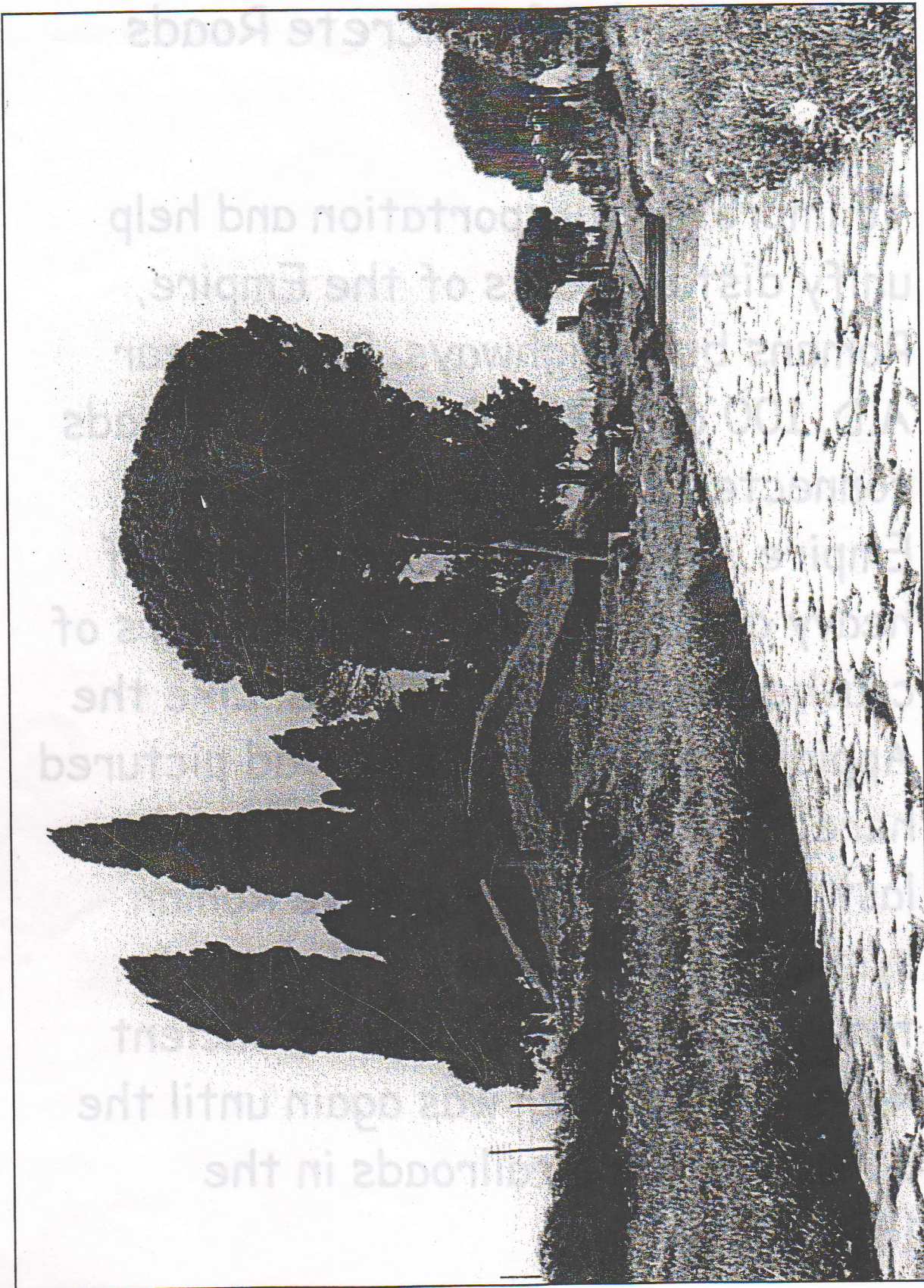


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To improve transportation and help unify distant parts of the Empire, Romans built highways. By the year A.D. 100 over 250,000 miles of roads connected the cities of the Roman Empire. These roads were made of heavy concrete blocks set in layers of crushed stones and pebbles. Like the Appian Way, the famous road pictured here, Roman roads were designed to last forever. The extensive Roman system of roads and bridges made travel faster in the days of ancient Rome than it ever was again until the development of railroads in the 1800's.

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