
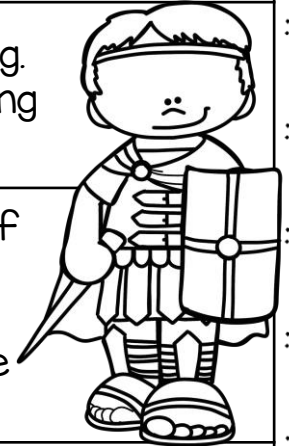


Ancient Rome: **TIMELINE**

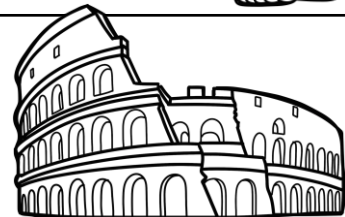
The Roman Empire was one of the greatest and most influential civilizations in world history. It began in Rome in 753 BC and lasted almost 1000 years. It grew to rule much of Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia. Below are some of the key events that occurred throughout ancient Rome.



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| 753 BC | Rome is founded. The legend states that Romulus and Remus , twin sons of Mars , the god of war, founded the city. Romulus then killed Remus and became the king of Rome. For the next 240 years Rome was ruled by a king . |
| 509 BC | Rome becomes a republic after the last king is overthrown. Rome is ruled by elected officials called senators . A constitution with laws and a complex republic government is created. |
| 218 BC |  Hannibal , the leader of the Carthage army, leads an invasion of Italy in his famous crossing of the Alps to attack Rome during the Second Punic War . |
| 73 BC | Gladiator, Spartacus , leads slaves in an uprising. He is eventually defeated, but not before causing Rome a lot of trouble. |
| 45 BC | Julius Caesar becomes the first dictator of Rome. He famously crossed the Rubicon to defeat Pompey in a civil war to become the supreme ruler of Rome. This victory signals the end of the Roman Republic . |
| 44 BC | Caesar is assassinated by Marcus Brutus , who hoped to bring back the republic. However, civil war breaks out. |



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| 27 BC | <p>Caesar Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor after prevailing in the civil war. The Roman Empire begins.</p> |
| 64 AD | <p>Much of Rome burns while supposedly Emperor Nero watched while playing his lyre.</p> |
| 79 AD | <p>Mt. Vesuvius erupts</p> |
| 80 AD | <p>The Colosseum, one of the greatest examples of Roman engineering, is finished. It seats 50,000 spectators.</p> |
| 121 AD | <p>The Hadrian Wall, a long wall across northern England, is built to keep out the barbarians.</p> |
| 306 AD | <p>Constantine becomes Emperor and converts to Christianity. Rome becomes a Christian empire after previous Romans had persecuted Christians.</p> |
| 380 AD | <p>Theodosius I declares Christianity to be the sole religion of the Roman Empire.</p> |
| 395 AD | <p>Rome splits into two empires.</p> |
| 410 AD | <p>The Visigoths sack Rome. This is the first time in 800 years that Rome has fallen to an enemy.</p> |
| 476 AD | <p>The Western Roman Empire falls, marking the end of Ancient Rome. Emperor Romulus Augustus is defeated by the German Goth Odoacer. The Dark Ages in Europe starts.</p> |
| 1453 AD | <p>The Byzantine Empire ends as it falls to the Ottoman Empire.</p> |



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IDENTIFY: Use the word bank to identify each description.

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| Brutus | Nero | Ottoman | Spartacus | J. Caesar |
| Romulus | Theodosius I | senators | Colosseum | Dark Ages |
| Constantine | Visigoths | Caesar Augustus | Vesuvius | Hadrian |

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| | 1. Stadium that seated 50,000 spectators |
| | 2. Group who defeated Rome |
| | 3. Twin who defeated his brother to found Rome |
| | 4. Took control of the Byzantine Empire |
| | 5. Assassinated Caesar |
| | 6. Emperor when most of Rome burned |
| | 7. Period that followed the fall of ancient Rome |
| | 8. Rome was ruled by these starting in 509 BC |
| | 9. First Roman Emperor |
| | 10. Gladiator who led a slave rebellion |
| | 11. Declared Christianity the sole religion of Rome |
| | 12. Wall built in northern England |
| | 13. First Roman dictator |
| | 14. Emperor who converted to Christianity |
| | 15. Erupted in 79 AD |

MULTIPLE CHOICE: Choose the best answer.

16. Which event occurred **FIRST** in Ancient Rome?
A. The Byzantine Empire fell to the Ottoman Empire.
B. Christianity was declared Rome's main religion.
C. The Roman Colosseum was completed.
D. Caesar Augustus becomes the Emperor of Rome.
17. Which Roman leader was the **first** dictator of Rome?
A. Caesar Augustus
B. Julius Caesar
C. Hannibal
D. Romulus Augustus
18. What is the **main** reason the Hadrian Wall was built?
A. To keep Hannibal out of Rome.
B. To keep the Visigoths out of Rome.
C. To keep barbarians out of England.
D. To keep barbarians out of Rome.
19. Which best completes the analogy?
509 BC: Republic :: 27 BC: _____
A. Empire
B. Dictatorship
C. Communist
D. Monarchy
20. Which would be **LEAST** necessary to include in a summary of Ancient Rome's history?
A. The Ancient Roman government changed leadership many times.
B. Ancient Rome ruled much of Europe, Northern Africa, and Western Asia for almost 1000 years.
C. Rome split into two empires in 395 AD.
D. Ancient Rome was one of the most influential early civilizations.

