

## **Important Rulers of Rome from Romulus through Marcus Aurelius**

*(753 BC-180 AD)*

### **7 Kings of Rome (753-509 BC)**

- Romulus - son of Mars and Rhea Silvia; twin brother of Remus; founder of Rome
- Numa Pompilius - encouraged religion and peace in Rome
- Tullus Hostilius - war-like; destroyed Alba Longa after the Horatii defeated the Curiatii
- Ancus Marcius - built the Pons Sublicius, a wooden bridge over the Tiber River
- Tarquinius Priscus/Tarquin the Elder - husband of Tanaquil; built the Circus Maximus
- Servius Tullius - son of a slave; conducted the first Census, dividing citizens by class
- Tarquinius Superbus/Tarquin the Proud - built the Cloaca Maxima; driven out by Brutus after his son Sextus Tarquinius raped Lucretia

### **First Consuls (in 509 BC) of the Roman Republic (509-27 BC)**

- Lucius Junius Brutus - friend of Collatinus; leader of revolt against Tarquinius Superbus; ancestor of Julius Caesar's assassin
- Tarquinius Collatinus - husband of Lucretia; unrelated to the Tarquin kings

### **Four Important Dictators**

- Cincinnatus - left his farm to rescue the Roman army; retired after 16 days
- Camillus - made dictator 7 times; defeated the Gauls who were besieging the Capitol
- Sulla - self-appointed dictator; murdered his enemies; succeeded by G. Marius
- Julius Caesar - given extended dictatorships and finally made dictator for life

### **The First Triumvirate (59-53 BC)**

- Marcus Licinius Crassus - the richest man in Rome ; defeated Spartacus in battle; killed in battle in Parthia in 53 BC, ending the triumvirate
- Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus/Pompey the Great - cleared the Mediterranean of Pirates; defeated Mithridates; crucified Spartacus' followers and got credit for his defeat
- Gaius Julius Caesar - Consul in 59; defeated Vercingetorix at Alesia in the Gallic Wars and made Gaul a province; defeated Pompey the Great at Pharsalus in 48 after the Civil War; made dictator for life in 44; assassinated by Marcus Junius Brutus later in 44 BC

### **The Second Triumvirate (43-36 or 33 BC)**

- Marcus Aemilius Lepidus - expelled from the triumvirate by Octavian in 36 BC
- Marcus Antonius/Mark Antony - defeated by Octavian at Actium in 31 BC
- Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus/Octavian - later given title Augustus in 27 BC

### **The Julio-Claudian Emperors (27 BC-68 AD)**

- Augustus - formerly Octavian; adopted son of Julius Caesar
- Tiberius - adopted son of Augustus
- Caligula - name means "Little Boot"; he went insane and was killed by guards
- Claudius - Caligula's uncle; he was killed with poisoned mushrooms by his wife Agrippina; conquered Britannia( Britain ) and made it a province
- Nero - Agrippina's son; built Domus Aurea after fire in Rome ; committed suicide

### **Year of the Four Emperors (69 AD)**

- Galba
- Otho
- Vitellius
- Vespasian

### **The Flavian Dynasty (69- 96 AD)**

- Vespasian - started the Colosseum (Flavian Amphitheatre)
- Titus - Vespasian's son; destroyed Jerusalem ; finished the Colosseum, ruled during eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD
- Domitian - Titus's brother; bad ruler; murdered by his wife and guards

### **The Five Good Emperors (96-180 AD)**

- Nerva - appointed after Domitian's death
- Trajan - expanded the empire to its greatest extent; wars in Dacia; Column of Trajan
- Hadrian - built Hadrian's Wall in Britannia (Britain)
- Antoninus Pius - his great respect for the gods earned him the name Pius
- Marcus Aurelius - philosopher; wrote "Meditations"; defended empire's borders; his son and successor Commodus was the beginning of Rome's decline

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