

The Roman Empire



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509 BC-476 AD

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The Romans are a bunch of thieves. They pretty much take people over and adopt all their stuff. Most notably were the:

Etruscans

Latins

Greeks

**Carthaginians (aka
Phoenicians)**

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So the first type of government in Rome was MONARCHY.

From 735-509 B.C. Rome had 7 Kings. (Most of the them were actually Etruscan)

They had cool Harry Potter names like Lucius and Severus

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After awhile the wealthy people wanted more control and overthrew the King.

**A new type of government was born.
“Dun Da da Daaa”**

A REPUBLIC

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Republic

Definition:

“a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives responsible to them and governing according to law”

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**The Roman Republic
was made up of two
groups:**

Patricians-

Wealthy Landowners

Plebeians

**Merchants, Craftspeople,
Farmers (Big Whiners)**

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Government Offices
Two Consuls-
Like Presidents

Praetor-
In charge of Civil Law

Senate-
Enforced Laws

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**Before the end of B.C.
the Republic started to
fall apart.**

**Army Generals began to
see that they had more
power than the Senate.**

**Again the government
shifted.**

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**Three powerful men
took control.**



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**One of the guys
ended up taking
complete control.**

**He was Julius
Caesar and was
given the title of
dictator.**

**But then everyone
stabbed him.**

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Then, another guy took over, but this time he was made Emperor

His name was Octavian but then he changed his name to Augustus so that High School students would always be confused about who was the first Emperor. Jerk.

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**Rome now of course
was considered an
EMPIRE.**

Definition:

**“a major political unit having a
territory of great extent or a number
of territories or peoples under a
single sovereign authority”**

**This lasted until almost
500 A.D.**