

## The Roman Period



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## Roman History and its Precursor

Etruscans 700-509 BCE

Roman Republic—509-30 BCE  
(military successes bred more)

Roman Empire—30 BCE-180 CE

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## Before Rome --The Etruscan 700-509 BCE

1. Anthropomorphic gods
2. Romulus and Remus
3. Drained marsh that became Forum
4. Invented the toga
5. Chariot races
6. Similar DNA
7. Basis of Rome was Etruscan

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Apollo c. 500 BCE

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Sarcophagus c. 520 BCE

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She-Wolf c. 500 BCE

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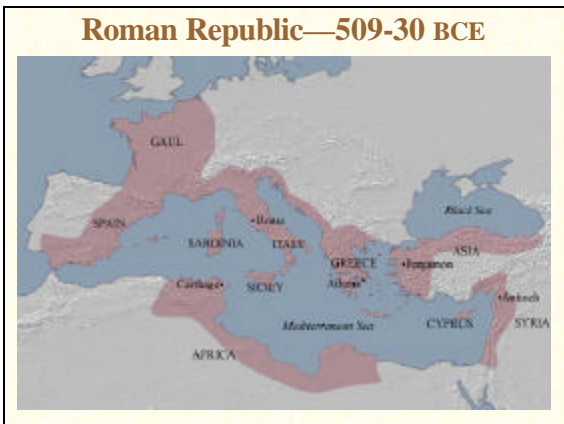
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## Roman Republic—509-30 BCE

- The Republic morphed into Empire
- Effective administrators
- Allowed home-rule in some areas
- Started out as a citizen army but became professional
- Agribusiness success increased movement to Empire
- Generals added to the Republic's demise

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## Roman Empire—30 BCE-180 CE

- **Julius Caesar's assassination ushered in Empire**
- **Pax Romana**
- **Roman Law—influenced European law (except GB)**

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## Roman Thought

- Rome didn't produce great thought
- Stoics—happiness is found in acceptance of fate (parallels Buddhism), do your duty

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## Roman Architecture

- Aqueducts—provided millions of gallons of water per day
- Tenements, bath, amphitheaters
- Barrel vaults

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Pont du Gard c. late 1<sup>st</sup> century  
100 gal. / inhabitant / day

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Coliseum 70-82 CE

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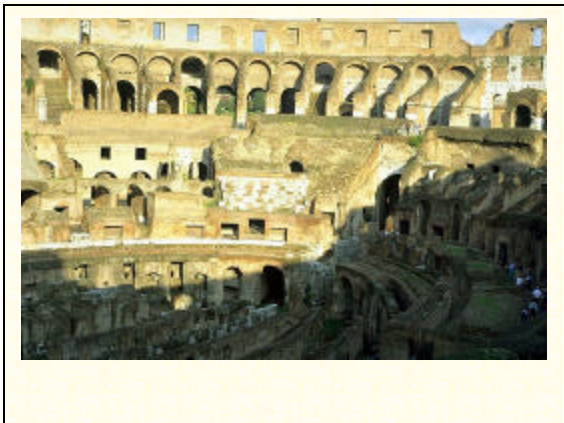
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Pantheon ca. 118-125 CE

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**Ancient Rome**

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**Arch of Titus c. 81CE**

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**Interior of Roman building**

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Interior of Roman home

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Bedroom of Roman villa c. 30 BCE

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Apian Way

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Arch of Constantine c. 312 AD

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Trajan's Column c. 113 CE

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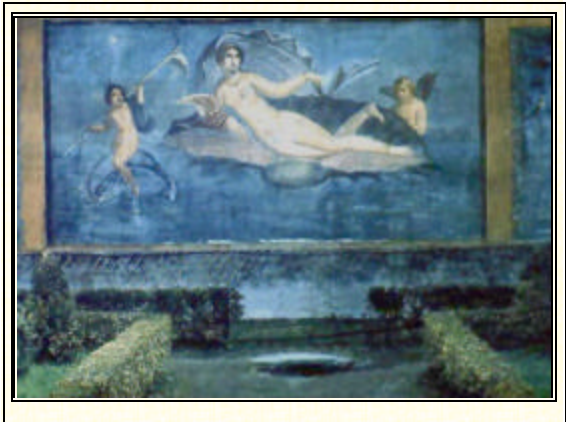
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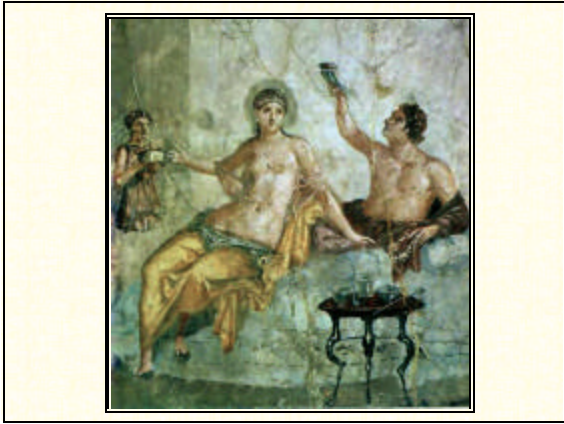
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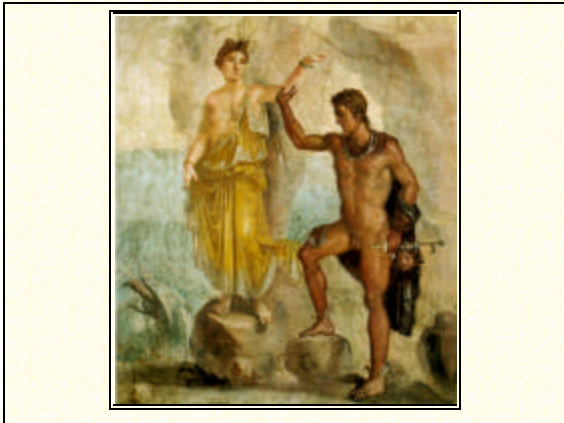
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Roman painting

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Ara Pacis c. 13-9 BCE

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Roman mosaics

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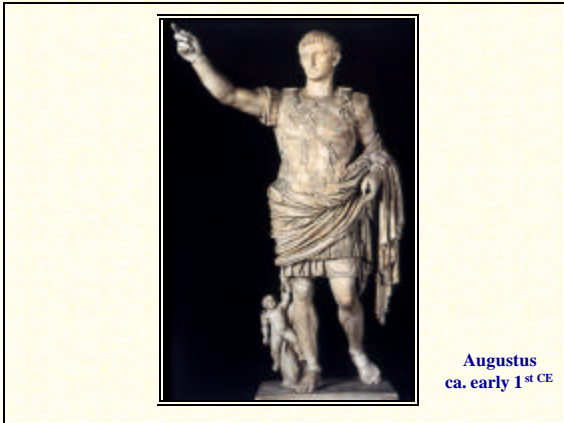
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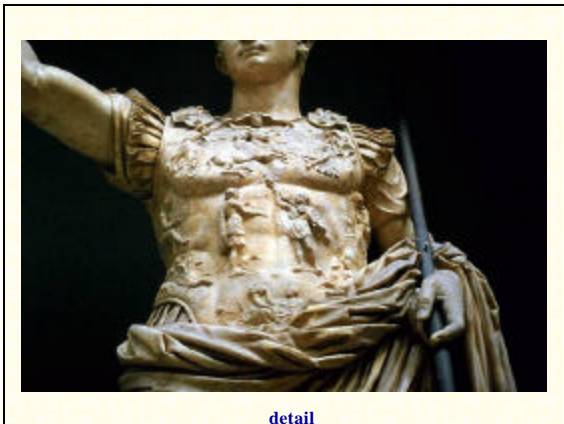
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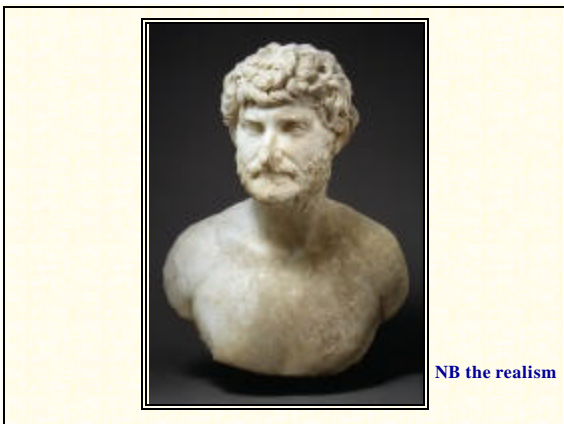
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Roman brooch

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### The End and the Fall of the Empire

- When did it end—probably 330 AD (Constantine moved to Constantinople)
- 476 AD last western Roman Emperor died
- 402 AD Honorius moved Rome to Ravenna
- Army's lack of Roman-ness or identity with Rome
- Army chose the emperor and therefore many non Roman emperors
- Other invading armies
- Financial problems
- Diocletian became god—Christianity got into trouble
- Church “caused” decline

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Christian Catacombs

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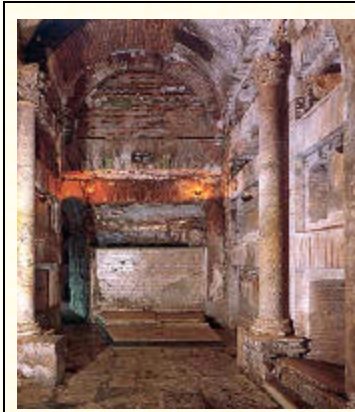
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Papal burial crypt

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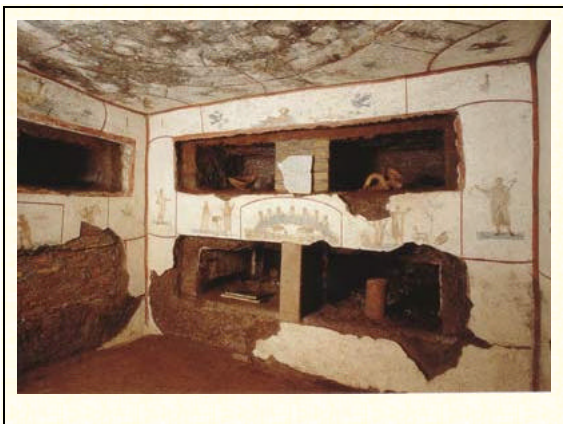
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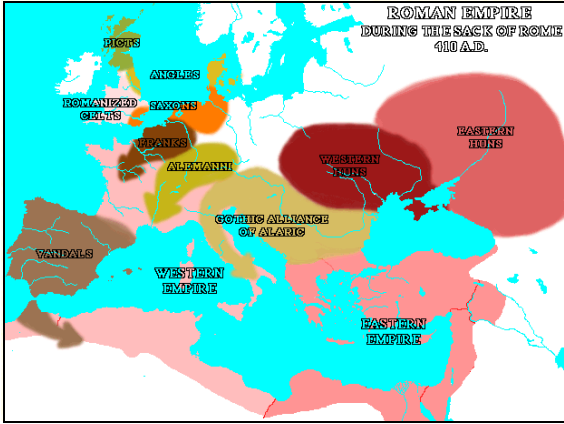
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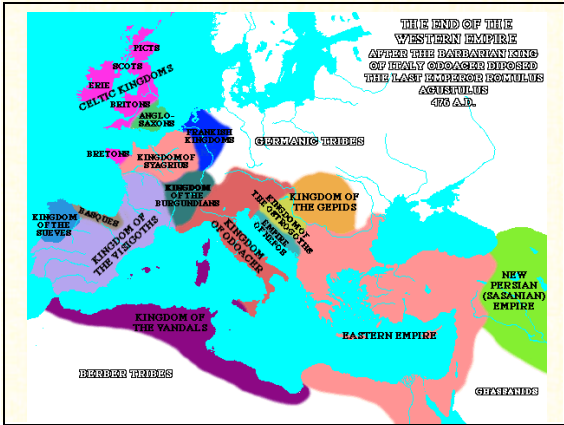
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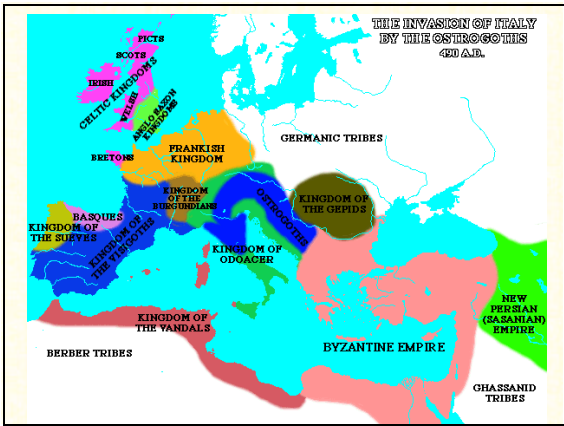
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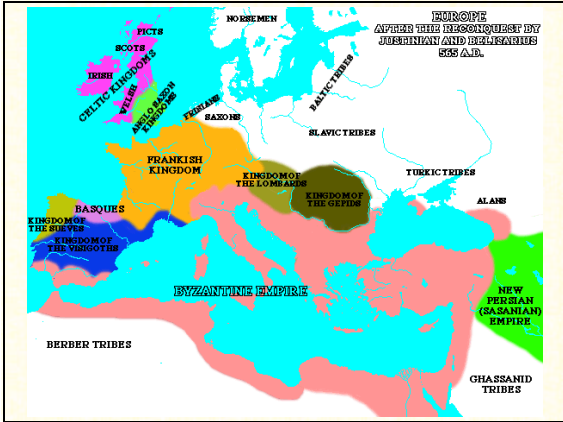
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## Moment of Roman Zen

Think about the parallels between Rome and America:

- They gave up freedom for security
- Only superpower
- Stretched all over world
- What are some other parallels?




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## The Roman Legacy

1. Spread western civilization (Greek) to the known world
2. Government and laws
3. Calendar
4. Alphabet
5. Roads
6. Assimilated and absorbed ideas
7. Practical application to problems
8. Concrete
9. Arch

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**For an interesting world timeline:**  
<http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hm/04/hm04.htm>

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