

Roman Emperors

A WebQuest for 3rd year Latin

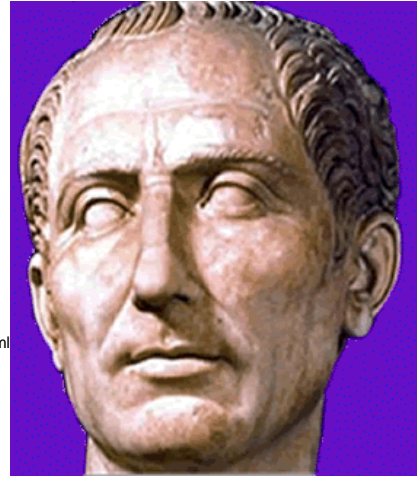
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<http://www.alljuliuscaesar.bravehost.com/julius-caesar-facts.html>



Introduction

Over the course of approximately 500 years, Rome had many emperors. In this project, we will get a brief overview of each emperor and the important events in his reign. As a class, we are going to research each of these emperors and create a visual timeline of their reigns. Using the product of this project, we will also have something to refer back to throughout the year.

The Task

Your task is to create an 8 1/2x11" info card for each of your emperors. Each card will have the emperor's name, coin, and dates of rule & life on one side. (If you find any other images of your emperor, you can print small versions of them and arrange them around the coin.) On the other side will be some details about his life, including birth date, where born, method of rise to power, highlights of reign, and the details and date of death.

When we have all the emperors, we will hang them in order around the room and have a large timeline of emperors.

The Process

The first thing we will do is assign each class member a chunk of emperors. Since we need to cover most of the emperors, you will be responsible for more than one. (At the end of this article is a list of the emperors we will be covering.)

The next step is computer research. You will have time in the library or computer lab to research your emperors. You will need to do a bit of research on the emperors on either side of yours to describe the transition between the emperors.

Info to gather: Find the following for each emperor. **Please number each area in your paper using the provided headings.**

1. Early Life: When and where your emperor was born, important events in his childhood and youth

2. Rise to Power: How he came to power (was he the son of someone important, did the army put him in power, did he assassinate someone, did he start out in obscurity and slowly rise through the ranks, etc.)

3. Events During His Reign:

- a. when he ruled, what he did during his reign,
- b. what was going on in the world during his reign

4. Death: *Detailed Account* of circumstances surrounding death, including when and how he died (old age, assassinated by the army, etc.)

Other things to find:

At least one coin from your emperor's reign and any other images/statues you want to include. Be open to any other interesting information you encounter.

Websites to Use: Go to each of the following sites to gather information. You may also find additional sites on your own. You must have *at least 3 sources* for each emperor.

1. <http://www.garstang.us/emperors/index.htm> - a site with coins and short, humorous accounts of the emperors.
2. <http://www.thepaolas.com/Emperors/emperors.html> - A website with a list of emperors and many images of them, along with links to pages and books.
3. <http://vcrc.austincollege.edu/> - Bob Cape's Roman coin project. Use the Main Catalogs link on the left side of the page to jump to a page where you can find many different coins for each emperor.
4. http://www.fact-index.com/li/list_of_roman_emperors.html - Complex list of Roman emperors with links to pages about them. More in-depth than the previous two sites.
5. <http://www.roman-emperors.org/> - An Online Encyclopedia of Roman Emperors

Creating your info cards: (There is a separate one for each emperor!!)

One the front:

Put the emperor's name in big letters at the top [90pt font is about the right size.]

Put a **large** printout of your emperor's coin in the center so we have a picture of him

If you have other images you want to use, print small copies of them and arrange them around your coin.

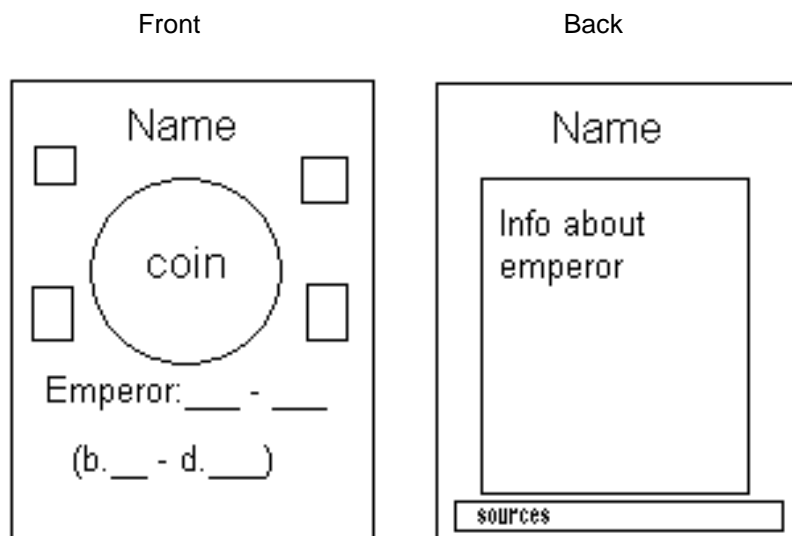
At the bottom of your card, write the years during which your emperor ruled. In somewhat smaller letters underneath, include birth and death years. [60-72 pt font is about right]

On the back of your card:

Write a short report detailing the biographical information you discovered when doing your research. Be sure to include the answer to all the questions above.

Include a list of your 3+ sources, *in the proper format*.

The end product will look like this:



The Presentation:

You will stand up in front of the class and present the information you've learned about each of your emperors.

When we've all presented, we will hang them in order around the room to create a Roman emperors timeline.

Evaluation

You will be given a grade for each emperor based on your answering of the questions above, the format and content of your info cards, and your presentation of your information to the class. The following rubric will be filled out for each emperor.

		Missing 0	Partially Completed 1	Fully and accurately completed 2	Score
Front of Card					
	Name clearly printed	Absent	Small or sloppy	In proper place and easily visible	
	Coin (large and well printed)	Absent	Small	In proper place and easily visible	
	Dates of rule	Absent	Small or hard to read	In proper place and easily visible	
	Dates of birth/death	Absent	Small or hard to read	In proper place and easily visible	
	Extra credit pics	No pics	Few or B/W pics	Multiple color pics	
Label	Back of Card				
1	Early life (birth, etc.)	Absent	Few details of early life	Described early life and influences in detail, or explained lack of historical information	
2	Rise to power	Absent	Brief description of rise to power	Fully described events surrounding emperor's rise to power and assumption of the throne	
3A 3B	Events of his reign- *what did he do & *what was going on in the world	Absent	Gave very limited description or omitted A or B	Discussed the important things that the emperor did during his reign and what was going on in the world	
4	Details of death	Absent	Overly simplified or short description	Detailed events leading up to death, including any motives for his killing or any other pertinent info	
5	Sources listed	Absent	Sources listed but not in correct format or too few	3 Sources listed and in correct format	
Presentation					
	Succinctly and accurately presented info to class	Did not present	Badly organized or presented	Well organized and presented	
Total Score: _____ / 20 = _____					

Timeline of Emperors and some major events/authors

NB We are only going to do the main emperors, though there are many co-emperors and people who claimed they were emperor. Diocletian split the empire in 284AD, and we have an emperor (or more) for each half of the empire.

Augustus Caesar 27BC-14 AD - Vineet

Pax Romana 27 BC- 180 AD
30 BC Altar of Peace dedicated by Augustus
9 BC Battle of Teutoberg Forest
 Varus- Roman General - lost 3 Legions
 Arminius Leader of Cherusci
Writers: Vergil, Plautus, Terrence, Cato, Cicero, Polybius, Varro, Nepos, Sallust, Lucretius,
 Catullus, Horace, Caesar

Tiberius 14 AD-37AD - Luma

German Wars-Germanicus
22-31 The treachery of Sejanus
27- Emperor moves to Capri

Caligula 37 AD- 41AD - Vineet

Failed Conquest of Germania and Briatin

Claudius 41 AD- 54 AD - Julian

43AD Conquest of Britain

Nero 54 -68 AD - Julian

64- Fire of Rome

Galba 68 AD

Otho 68 AD

Vitellius 69 AD

Vespasian 69-79 AD - Miles

70 Titus Conquers Jerusalem

Titus 79- 81 AD - Alex

79AD Pompeii

Domitian 81-96 AD - Carly

Writers of First Century
 Ovid, Livy, Seneca, Petronius, Juvenal- Satire, Martial, Tacitus,
 Suetonius's biographies, Apuleius-The Golden Ass

Nerva 96-98 AD Government reform - Carly

Trajan 98- 117 AD - Brand

Greatest extent of Empire
Dacian wars - Trajan's Column at Rome celebrates the victory
Parthian Wars

Hadrian 117-138 AD - Alex

Wall built in Britain
135 Jerusalem destroyed and renamed Aelia Capitolina
Bar Kochba Revolt

Antoninus Pius 138-161 AD

Greatest Prosperity of the Empire

Marcus Aurelius 161-180 AD Philosopher Emperor - Brand

Wrote the Meditations

166 Plague in Rome

Commodus 180-192 AD Crazy

Septimius Severus 193- 211 AD

Caracalla 211-217 AD

212 All free citizens of Provinces given Roman citizenship

Elagabalus 218 -222 AD

Severus Alexander 222-235 AD

Maximius 235-238 AD

Gordian 238-244 AD

Julius Phillipus 244-239 AD

Decius 244-249 AD

Trebonius Gallus 251-253 AD

Valerian 253- 260 AD

Gallienus 260-268 AD

Claudius II 268-270 AD

Aurelian 270-275 AD

Tacitus 275-276 AD

Probus 276-282 AD

Carus 283-284 AD

Diocletian 284- 305 AD

286 Empire divided
 Diocletian ruled the East from Nicomedia
 Maximian ruled the West from Rome
293 Tetrarchy established- Empire divided into four districts; each co-emperor
 Received a subordinate