

## Ancient Rome: From Republic to Empire Notes\*\*

- The city of Rome was a dangerous place during the late republic (100BCE – 50BCE)
- Politics were not working anymore – Generals were fighting for control of the city
  - Checks and Balances were no longer followed
  - There were riots and violence all over the city
- People still came to the city to live there
  - More and more confusion and violence
- Cicero – Roman philosopher and orator
- Cicero tried to change Rome for the better
  - Believed the Senate should be more powerful
  - Checks and Balances needed to return
- Roman generals did not listen and attempted to take more power
- The most powerful Roman general was Julius Caesar
- Caesar was a great general and a orator
  - Citizens and his soldiers loved him
- Caesar conquered most of Gaul (modern-day France)
- Caesar made an alliance with a man named Pompey so they could rule Rome together
- After 10 years, Pompey wanted Caesar to give up his power
- Caesar marched his army into Rome (illegal)
- Pompey ran away
  - Caesar caught him quickly
- Caesar returned to Rome and named himself dictator for life
- Four years later Caesar was killed by several aristocrats
  - March 15
  - “Et tu Brute”

- Marc Antony and Octavian came to power next
  - Hunted down Caesar's assassins
- Octavian returned to Rome, Antony went to fight Rome's enemies
- Antony married Octavian's sister, Octavia
  - Divorced her 8 years later to marry Cleopatra
- Octavian was insulted and wanted to kill Antony
- A civil war began in Rome
  - Between Antony and Octavian
- Octavian's navy fought Antony's navy at the Battle of Actium (by Greece)
  - Octavian won the battle
- Antony fled to Egypt
  - There he committed suicide with Cleopatra to avoid prison
- Octavian becomes the sole ruler of Rome
- He gained more power and named himself princeps
  - Princeps = first citizen
- 27BCE – Senate named Octavian “Augustus”
  - Augustus = revered one
  - This is end of Roman Republic; start of Roman Empire
- “I found Rome a city of bricks and I left it a city of marble”
- Augustus and later Emperors worked to conquer more land
  - Some people conquered because they were threats to Rome
  - Some people conquered because they had resources
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