

What Are We Told about Early Rome

THE ROMANS

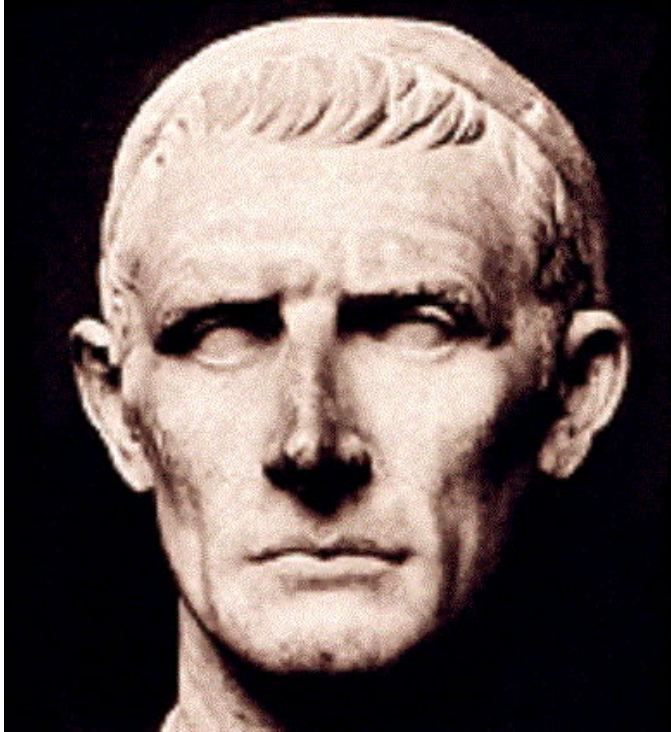
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Today

1. Introduction
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 - a. Syllabus
 - b. Readings & Participation
 - c. Attendance & Absences
 - d. Weekly Questions and Responses
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The Fabrication of the Historical Tradition on Early Rome



T. Livius, c. 59 BCE–17 CE



Augustus, 63 BCE–14 CE, ruled 31/27 BCE-14 CE

Image Sources

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- 133: Tib. Gracchus is tribune
- 123-122: C. Gracchus is tribune
- 91-88: Social War (against Italian allies)
- 88-87: Sulla's First Civil War (against Marius)
- 82-81: Sulla's Second Civil War (against Marius)
- 63-62: Catiline Conspiracy (against Catiline)
- 49-45: Caesar's Civil War (against Pompey)
- 44-43: Post-Caesarian Civil War
- 44-42: Liberator's Civil War
- 44-36: Sicilian Revolt (against S. Pompeius)
- 41-40: Perusine War
- 32-30: Final Civil War of the Republic

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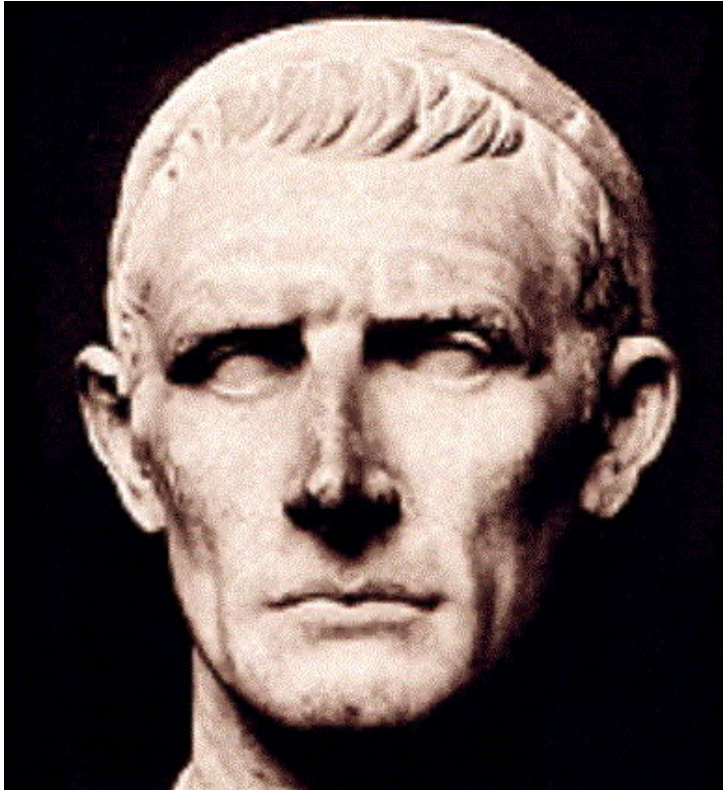


- 63 BCE–14 CE
- Rules from 31/27 BCE to 14 CE
- Establishes Principate / Empire
- Restores peace and prosperity
- New ideology based on his personal virtues: *pietas*, *clementia*, *iustitia*, *virtus*.
- Social, political, & moral reforms: revival of 'traditional' Roman religion & values
- Emergence of 'court literature': Virgil, Horace, Propertius, (Livy)

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- c. 59 BCE–17 CE
- Wealthy elite citizen from Padua
- No political or military career
- Several works, mostly lost
- *Ab Urbe Condita*
 - 142 Books, probably unfinished
 - Books 1-10 (until 293 BCE) and 21-45 (218-167 BCE) extant
 - Fragments, *periochae*
 - Early history: 753-509 BCE

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Groups:

1. Methods & Goal
2. Purpose of History
3. Role of Women

Conclusion

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