



The Julio-Claudian Emperors

Fallout from Caesar's Death

- Second Triumvirate formed
 - Mark Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian
- Leads to Civil War for control
 - Triumvirate vs Brutus and Cassius
 - Then war between members of Triumvirate
 - Caesar's Nephew, Octavian, is eventual victor

Augustus (27 B.C.E. – 14 C.E.)

- AKA. Caesar Augustus, Augustus, Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus, Gaius Octavius, Octavian
- Took throne by beating or killing all political opponents
- Used Sister and Daughter as political tool
 - Forced divorces and marriages

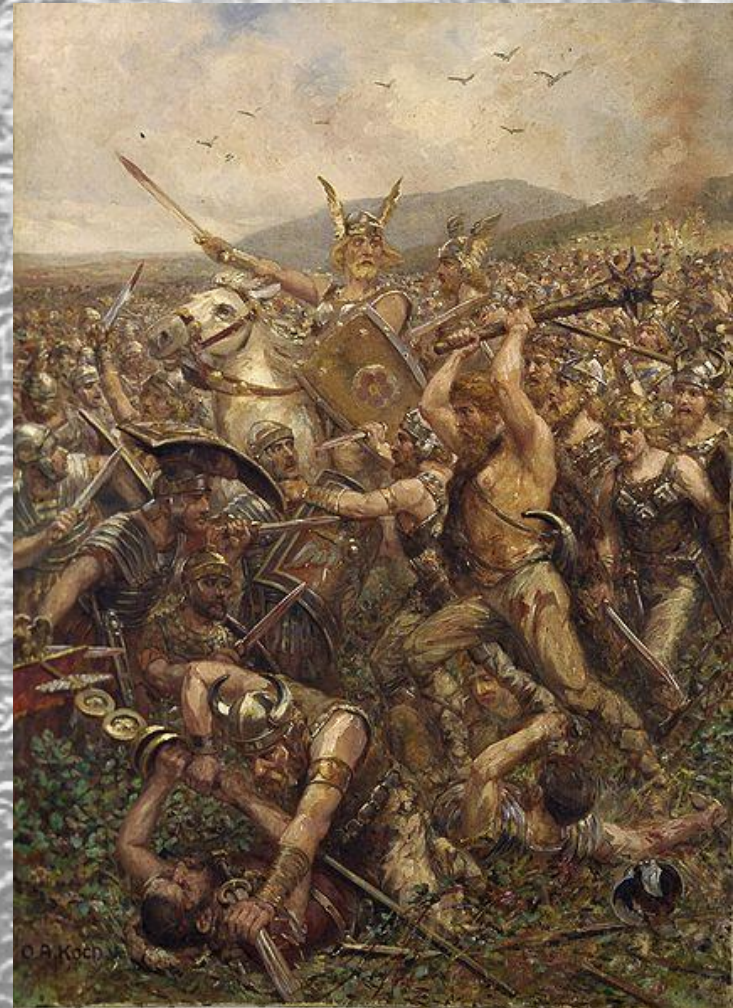


Famous For....

- FIRST EMPEROR
- Consolidation of Empire under the rule of one person
 - *Princeps*
 - “First Citizen” – Full Imperator power for life (27 B.C.E.)
 - Makes sure that his heir is granted the same power

Famous For....

- Teutoburger Defeat
 - Losing three legions in Germania
 - Publius Varus leading legions and auxiliaries into forest
 - Ambushed by Germanic warriors
 - All killed or Enslaved



Tiberius (14 C.E. – 37 C.E.)

- Stepson of Augustus
- Celebrated General
- Seemed to hate power but want more of it
- Consolidated Rule
 - Killing off anyone else who might have claim (Verge of paranoia)



Caligula (37 C.E. – 41 C.E.)

- “little Boots”
- First two years ruled well
- After that power goes to his head and becomes obsessed with himself



Abuses of Caligula

- Exhausted State Treasury
- Incest?
- Killed for the fun of it
- Considered himself a god
- Made horse a priest?
- Sexual Fiend?
- Looting trip to Egypt



Claudius (41-54 C.E)

- Rise to Power by bribery
- Described as being a good emperor
 - Invaded Britain
 - Personally presided over matters of law
 - Public Works (Aqueducts)
- Heavily influenced by others
 - Convinced by wife to name her son Nero as heir



Nero (54 -68)

- Direct descendant of Augustus
- First part of rule he was just a puppet
 - Had puppet masters killed
- Thought of himself as an actor



The Burning of Rome (64 C.E.)

- 1/3 of Rome burned down
- Nero suspected of starting fire
 - Seen on a tower playing his lyre
 - Built massive pleasure palace on site



Death of a Dynasty

- 65 C.E. – Senatorial Conspiracy
 - Complained they had no power
- 67 C.E. – Rebellion in Gaul
 - Complained about taxes
- 68 C.E. – Praetorian Guard bribed to kill Nero

