

## Timeline of Imperial Rome

**55 B.C.** First stone theater built in Rome

**9 B.C.** Dedication of the Altar of Peace (Ara Pacis in Rome)

Beginning of the Third Pompeian Style (wall painting)

Expansion of the House of the Faun in Pompeii (end of first century B.C.)

**64–68 A.D.** Construction of the Domus Aurea in Rome

**70–80 A.D.** Construction of the Coliseum in Rome

Beginning of the Fourth Pompeian Style

**112–113 A.D.** Trajan's Forum and Trajan's Column in Rome

**117 A.D.** Reconstruction of the Pantheon in Rome

**128 A.D.** Construction of Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli

**203 A.D.** Arch of Septimius Severus in Rome

**216 A.D.** Baths of Caracalla in Rome

### End of the Republic

### Julio-Claudian Dynasty

**27 B.C.** Beginning of the Roman Empire

Octavian becomes Augustus

Beginning of the Principate (Early Empire)

**14 A.D.** Reign of Tiberius

**37 A.D.** Reign of Caligula

**41 A.D.** Reign of Claudius

**54 A.D.** Reign of Nero

### Flavian Dynasty

**69 A.D.** Reign of Vespasian

**79 A.D.** Reign of Titus

**81 A.D.** Reign of Domitian

### Antonine Dynasty

**96 A.D.** Reign of Nerva

**98 A.D.** Reign of Trajan

**117 A.D.** Reign of Hadrian

**138 A.D.** Reign of Antoninus Pius

**161 A.D.** Reign of Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus

**180 A.D.** Reign of Commodus

### Severan Dynasty

**192 A.D.** Reign of Septimius Severus

**211 A.D.** Reign of Caracalla

**217 A.D.** Reign of Elagabalus

**222 A.D.** Reign of Severus Alexander

**58 B.C.** Caesar begins conquest of Gaul (ends in 51 B.C.)

**44 B.C.** Assassination of Caesar

**31 B.C.** Octavian's victory over Antony and Cleopatra at Actium

**30 B.C.** Egypt becomes a Roman province

### Birth of Christ

**43 A.D.** Beginning of the conquest of Britany (present-day Great Britain)

**69 A.D.** Year of four emperors: Galba, Otho, Vitellius, finally Vespasian

**79 A.D.** Eruption of Vesuvius (destruction of Pompei, Herculaneum, and Boscoreale)

**107 A.D.** Annexation of Dacia (campaigns in 101 and 107 A.D.)

**130 A.D.** Death of Antinous, favorite of Hadrian

**166 A.D.** Victory of Lucius Verus over the Parthian Empire

**195–198 A.D.** Victorious campaign against the Parthians

**212 A.D.** Antonine Constitution (granting citizenship to all free men of the empire)

**306–312 A.D.** Basilica of Constantine and Maxentius in Rome

**315 A.D.** Arch of Constantine in Rome

**450 A.D.** Mausoleum of Galla Placidia in Ravenna

### Period of Military Anarchy

**Beginning 235 A.D.** Successive reigns of the "emperor-soldiers"

### Tetrarchy

**284 A.D.** Reign of Diocletian, Maximian, Constantius, and Galerius (Late Empire)

### Constantine Dynasty

**307 A.D.** Reign of Constantine

**337 A.D.** Reigns of the sons of Constantine (Constantine II, Constans, Constantius II)

**361 A.D.** Reign of Julian the Apostate

### Valentinian Dynasty

**364 A.D.** Reigns of Valentinian I, Valentinian II, Valens

**367 A.D.** Reign of Gratian

### Theodosian Dynasty—End of the Western Roman Empire

**379 A.D.** Reign of Theodosius

**395 A.D.** Reign of Honorius

**425 A.D.** Reign of Valentinian III

**455 A.D.** Reign of Avitus

**457 A.D.** Reign of Majorian

**461 A.D.** Reign of Libius Severus

**467 A.D.** Reign of Anthemius

**472 A.D.** Reign of Olybrius

**476 A.D.** Reign of Romulus Augustulus

**284 A.D.** Diocletian creates the Tetrarchy: Diocletian and Maximian are Augustus (having decision-making powers), and Constantius and Galerius are Caesars (having executive powers)

The empire is divided into the Western and the Eastern part

**307 A.D.** Constantine, the first Christian emperor, reunifies the empire

**313 A.D.** Edict of Milan (freedom of religion)

**330 A.D.** Constantinople becomes the capital of the empire

**361 A.D.** Julian the Apostate restores paganism

**379 A.D.** Theodosius prohibits pagan worship

**395 A.D.** The empire is definitively split between East and West

**410 A.D.** Sack of Rome by Alaric, king of the Goths

**476 A.D.** Sack of the Roman Empire by Odoacer, king of Heruli

Odoacer sends back to Constantinople the insignia of imperial power

End of the Western Roman Empire