

AUGUSTUS

Octavian: The Road to Power

49 Civil War (Caesar vs. Pompey)

44 Assassination of Caesar on Ides of March by Brutus, Cassius, etc.

Octavian Caesar's heir & adopted son

43 "Second" Triumvirate appointed (Octavian, Antony, Lepidus)

42 Philippi: Triumvirs defeat Brutus/Cassius

40 Brief thaw: Antony marries Octavia

36 Triumvirs defeat Sextus Pompey

33 Triumvirs' power expires; war looms

31 Actium: Octavian defeats Antony/Cleo.

27 Octavian "restores" Republic

Octavian's Constitutional Position

- Controls army, Praetorian Guard (27 -)
- Consul 13x with others
- Authority of tribune (23 -)
- Consular & censorial authority
- Titles
 - Augustus ("he who is revered")
 - princeps ("first citizen") -> "principate"
 - pater patriae ("father of his country")

Reconstruction & Rebuilding

29 Gates of War at Temple of Janus closed

20 Diplomatic "victory" over Parthians

Priesthoods revived (e.g Arval Brethren)

19 Vergil's Aeneid published

18 Moral legislation

17 Secular Games

12 Augustus becomes Pontifex Maximus

Public Works (< esp. M. Agrippa)

- Water supply (sewers & aqueducts)
- Pantheon (later rebuilt by Hadrian)
- Porticus of Livia: civic center
- Theater of Marcellus
- Temples (building and restoration)

Literary Patronage (< C. Maecenas)

- Vergil, Aeneid
- Horace, Odes
- History: Livy
- "Elegiac" poets (Propertius, Tibullus, Ovid)

The Imperial Image

Forum of Augustus

- Temple of Mars Ultor ("Mars the Avenger")
- Gallery of Roman heroes, Julian family

Temple of Apollo on Palatine hill

Mausoleum of Augustus, w/ Res Gestae

("Accomplishments") engraved at entrance

Ara Pacis ("Altar of Peace"), 13-9 BC

- Commissioned by Senate
- Influenced by e.g. Parthenon sculptures
- Officials, priests of state cult (idealized)
- Imperial family (individualized) w/ kids
- Allegorical figure: Peace? Earth? Rome?
- Mythical figures (e.g. Aeneas)

Augustus of Prima Porta

- Breastplate w/ Parthian standards
- Cupid (< Venus as Julian ancestor)

Gems (e.g. Gemma Augustea)

Coinage

Gathering Clouds

German Campaign

- Elbe or Rhine as N. frontier?
- Destruction of Varus' legions, AD 9

Succession Problem

- Marcellus (nephew) d. 23 BC
- Agrippa (son-in-law), d. 12 BC
- Drusus (stepson), d. 9 BC
- Gaius (grandson), d. 4 BC
- Lucius (grandson), d. 2 BC
- Agrippa Postumus (grandson) [insane]

- ... Tiberius (stepson)

AD 14 Death of Augustus