



# A HISTORY OF ROME\*

\*In 45 Minutes

# Origins

- Aeneas and Trojan refugees
- Romulus & Remus
  - Traditional founding date of April 21, 753 BC
- Rape of the Sabines
- Seven Kings
  - Romulus, Numa Pompilius, Tullus Hostilius, Ancus Marcius, Lucius Tarquinius, Servius Tullius, and Lucius Tarquinius Superbus (“the Proud”)



# Origins (Continued)

- Expelling of Tarquinius & Foundation of the Republic
- The Senatus PopulusQue Romanus
  - Consuls – Two Equal Executives
  - Senate – Legislative Body of 300 Patricians
  - People – Popular Assembly who elected magistrates



# Born in Blood

- Wars in Italy
  - Against the Latins & Etruscans
  - Against the Gauls
  - Against the Samnites
  - Against Pyrrhus





# Born in Blood

- Wars outside Italy
  - Against Carthaginians (Three Punic Wars)
  - Against the Macedonians
  - Against the Iberians
  - Against the Diadochi
  - Against the Gauls, Germans, & Britons



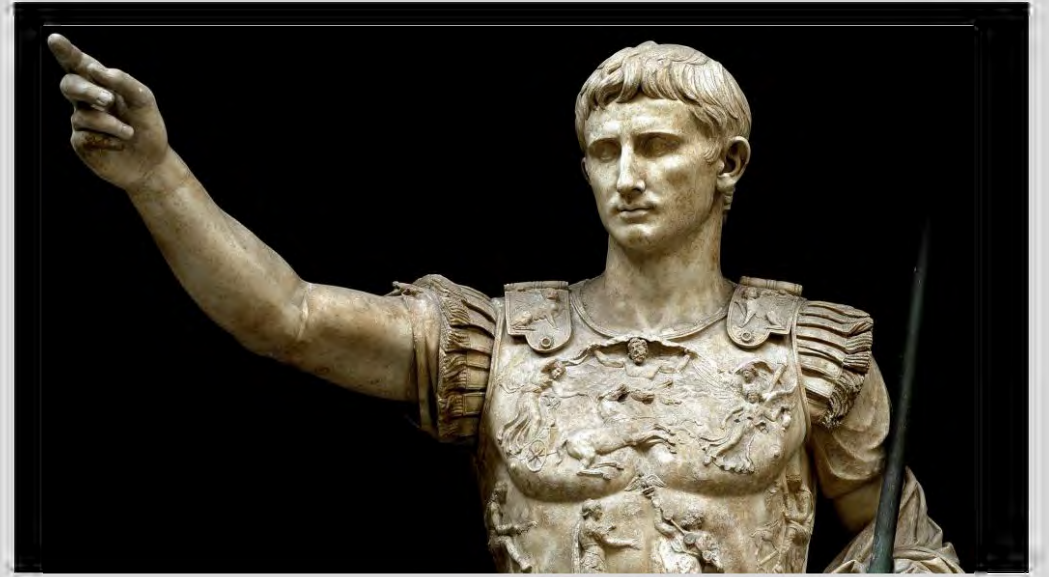
# Civil Wars

- Warlords of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century BC
  - Social War vs Italian Socii
  - Marius vs Sulla
  - Caesar vs Pompey
  - Octavian (Augustus) vs Mark Anthony & Cleopatra



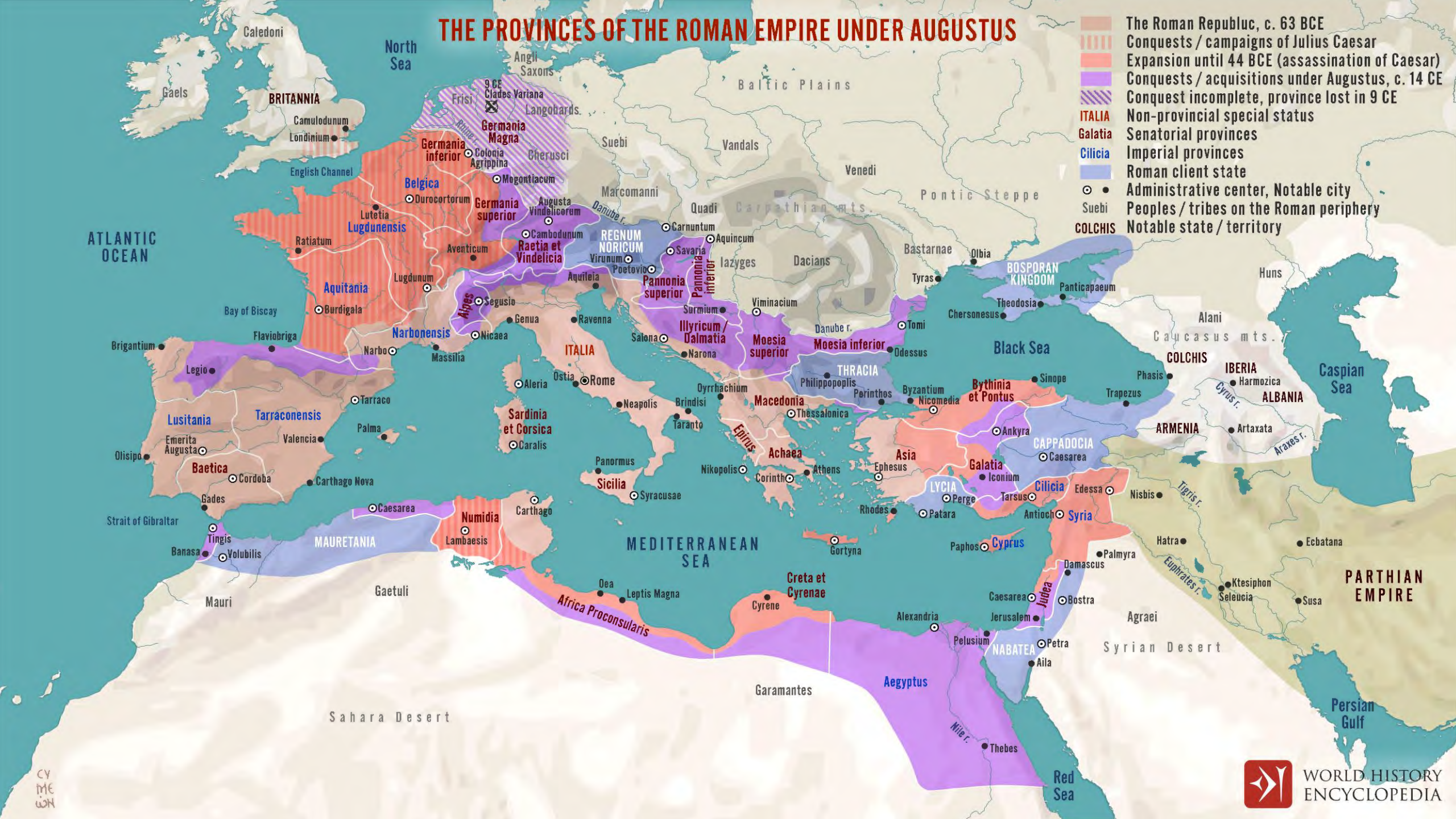
# The Empire

- Augustus - Princeps
- Senate as a vestigial organ
- Organization of provinces into Imperial vs Senatorial
- Praetorian Guard
- Local Autonomy and Rulers





# THE PROVINCES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE UNDER AUGUSTUS

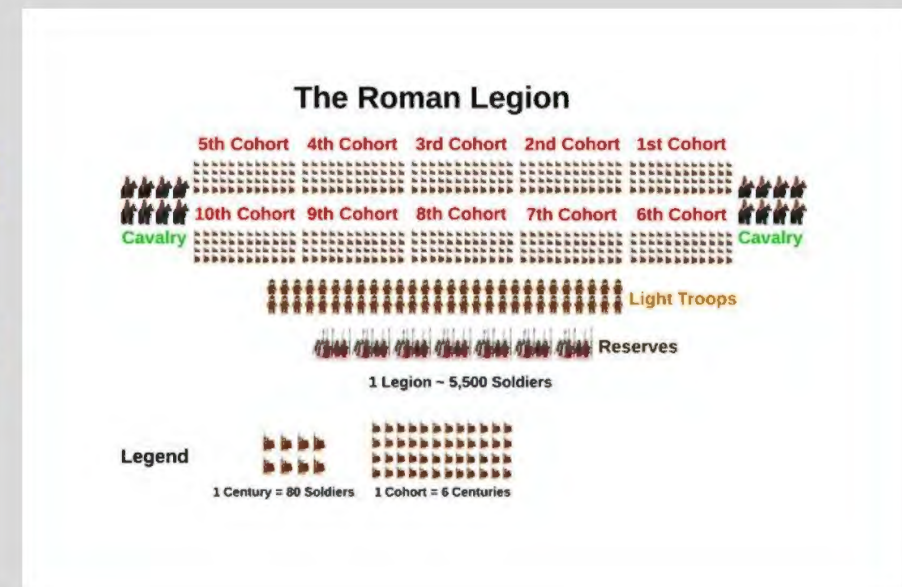


- The Roman Republic, c. 63 BCE
- Conquests / campaigns of Julius Caesar
- Expansion until 44 BCE (assassination of Caesar)
- Conquests / acquisitions under Augustus, c. 14 CE
- Conquest incomplete, province lost in 9 CE
- ITALIA
- Galatia
- Cilicia
- Roman client state
- Administrative center, Notable city
- Peoples / tribes on the Roman periphery
- COLCHIS



# The Empire

- The Legions
  - Originally levied “citizen-soldiers”
  - Transition to professionals under Marius
  - By Augustus’s time, paper strength of a legion was 5,500 infantry and 200 auxilia
  - Century = 80 men, led by a Centurion



# Pax Romana

- Roman Peace
  - “They make a desert and call it peace.”
- Benefits
  - Security of Travel & Trade
  - Greek as Lingua Franca
  - Roman citizenship





# Pax Romana

- Drawbacks
  - Slavery
  - Oppression
  - Few rights for non-citizens (*peregrini*)
  - Abortion
  - Sexual promiscuity
  - Homosexuality





# Judea in the Time of Christ

- Eastern Mediterranean Autonomy
  - Kings, Ethnarchs, and Governors
  - Conquest of Jerusalem by Pompey the Great (63 BC)
  - Herod the Great appointed as Client King of the Jews by Rome (~40 BC)
  - Expansion of the Second Temple
  - Massacre of the Innocents



# Judea in the Time of Christ

- Herodian Tetrarchy
  - Herod's kingdom divided at death (~4 BC) by Herod's will
  - Sister Salome I and sons, Herod Archelaus, Herod Antipas, and Philip
  - Herod Archelaus (Matthew 2)
  - Herod Antipas (Death of John, Trial of Jesus)



**Herodian Tetrarchy**  
4 BC - 10 AD

- Archelaus Ethnarchy (4 BC - 41 AD)
- Antipas Tetrarchy (4 BC - 39 AD)
- Philip Tetrarchy (4 BC - 34 AD)
- Salome Toparchy (4 BC - 36 AD)
- Syria Province

- Administrative capital
- ◐ Notable city
- Village
- Fortress
- ▲ Summit

*Equirectangular projection  
WGS84 datum*



# Judea in the Time of Christ

- Roman Province of Judea
  - Upon the removal of Herod Archelaus by Augustus, Judea, Samaria, and Idumea formerly become a Roman Province
  - Pontius Pilate, 5<sup>th</sup> Roman Governor
  - Jurisdictional overlap with Herod Antipas

# The Jewish War

- “Zealots,” the “Fourth Sect” of Judaism (~6 AD)
  - Close to the Pharisees in doctrine
  - Radical resistance to Roman hegemony (“God is to be their only Ruler and Lord.” - Josephus)
- Rebellion in 66 AD due to religious tension and economic grievances
- Capture of Jerusalem, flight of Roman governor and Herod Agrippa II, & defeat of XII Fulminata

# The Jewish War

- Arrival of Vespasian with four legions
- Outer sieges – closing the noose
- Siege of Jerusalem by Titus
  - Zealot infighting
  - Destruction of the Temple
  - Devastation of Jerusalem
- Bar Kokhba revolt (132–136 AD)





# The Layman's Historian Podcast by William Hubbard

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