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## **The Roman Republic**



## **As a Young Historian, I will be able to...**

- Describe the development of the classical civilization of Rome.
- Outline how the Roman republic was structured and governed.
- Understand the rights and religious practices that characterized Roman society.
- Explain how the Roman republic grew and used its political influence.

# The Rise of Rome!

**The Roman Civilization rose in the Italian Peninsula which allowed for connectivity & fertile farmlands.**

**Legend had it the city of Rome was formed by two brothers, Romulus & Remus, who were the sons of the god Mars**

**The [Etruscans](#), Greek colonists, shared the peninsula & the Romans learned much of their cultures**

# Early Rome Republic

Romans formed their own style of Government called **The Republic**- no single individual had too much power

Power was held by **Patricians**- members of a wealthy landholding upper class.

Senators would approve **consuls**- They supervised business of government & the military

The senate could appoint a **Dictator**, ruler who had complete control, during times of trouble.

# More Roman Government

**Plebeians-** farmers, merchants, & artisans who had little to no influence on government. They demanded more control.

**Tribunes-** Elected officials by plebians, would protect their interests.

**Veto-** A vote to block a law, plebians did this if they felt a law was too harmful.

Our Government today would be influence by the Roman government as much as Athens.



# Roman Society

**Men held the absolute power, especially fathers.  
Wives had to follow his rules**

**However, women would gain rights such as owning property, business, & could participate in the arts**

**Children from upper & lower classes learned to read & right. Usually from Greek tutors**

**Rome borrowed Greek religion, such as their god Zeus (Jupiter in Rome) as the ruler of the gods & skies!**

# Expansion & Military

Rome would go on & conquer the entire Italian Peninsula & took over the Greek city-states

Rome used the **Legion** for its military. Roman military of citizens who supplied their own weapons

They would gain spoils from war for reward, but disgraced soldiers would be put to death.

Conquered people had to acknowledge Roman rule, Rome built roads, increased trade, & allowed citizens rights.