

# CLASSICAL ANTIQUITY

Major Milestones of European History

## **C. 8TH CENTURY BCE Archaic Period & Foundation of Rome**

Emergence of Greek City-States, the first Olympic Games (776 BCE), and the legendary founding of Rome (753 BCE).

## **480 - 323 BCE Classical Greece**

The Golden Age of Athens, the building of the Parthenon, and the conquests of Alexander the Great.

## **509 - 27 BCE Roman Republic**

Establishment of representative government in Rome, the Punic Wars against Carthage, and the rise of Julius Caesar.

## **27 BCE - 180 CE Pax Romana**

The "Roman Peace" beginning with Augustus. A period of relative stability and peak territorial expansion under Trajan.

## **313 - 380 CE Christianization of the Empire**

Edict of Milan (313) legalizes Christianity; Council of Nicaea (325); Christianity becomes the official state religion (380).

## **476 CE Fall of the Western Roman Empire**

Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus, marking the traditional transition from Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages.