

KEY BATTLES OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Historical Reference Timeline & Summary

YEAR	BATTLE	OPPONENT	SIGNIFICANCE
31 BC	Battle of Actium <i>Octavian victory</i>	Mark Antony & Cleopatra	Final war of the Roman Republic; led to the rise of Augustus and the Empire.
9 AD	Teutoburg Forest <i>Germanic victory</i>	Germanic Tribes	Three Roman legions destroyed; established the Rhine as the permanent border.
193 AD	Battle of Issus <i>Severus victory</i>	Pescennius Niger	Solidified Septimius Severus' power during the Year of the Five Emperors.
312 AD	Milvian Bridge <i>Constantine victory</i>	Maxentius	Led to Constantine's conversion to Christianity and the Edict of Milan.
378 AD	Battle of Adrianople <i>Gothic victory</i>	Visigoths	Defeat of Emperor Valens; signaled the beginning of the collapse of the West.

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451 AD	Catalaunian Plains <i>Roman/Visigoth victory</i>	Attila the Hun	The last major military operation of the Western Roman Empire.