

ROMAN EMPIRE SEQUENTIAL CHART

THE FOUNDATION

753 BCE

Founding of Rome

The legendary founding by Romulus. Transition from small settlements on the Palatine Hill to a unified city-state under the early Roman Kings.

Status: Kingdom Region: Central Italy

THE REPUBLIC

509 BCE - 27 BCE

Establishment of the Republic

Overthrow of the Lucius Tarquinius Superbus. Implementation of the Senate, Consuls, and the expansion through the Punic Wars and conquest of Greece.

Status: Representative Govt Key Focus: Expansion

THE PRINCIPATE

27 BCE - 180 CE

Pax Romana

Initiated by Augustus Caesar. A 200-year period of relative peace and stability. Peak of territorial expansion under Trajan and Hadrian.

Status: Empire Key Figure: Augustus

THE DIVISION

285 CE - 395 CE

The Tetrarchy & Split

Diocletian divides administrative power. Constantine legalizes Christianity. Permanent split into Western and Eastern (Byzantine) Empires.

Status: Dual Empires Capital: Rome / Constantinople

THE FALL

476 CE

Fall of the Western Empire

Odoacer deposes Romulus Augustulus. Marks the end of ancient Roman rule in the West and the beginning of the Middle Ages in Europe.

Status: Dissolution Legacy: Medieval Europe