



Chapter 6

Roman World Empire



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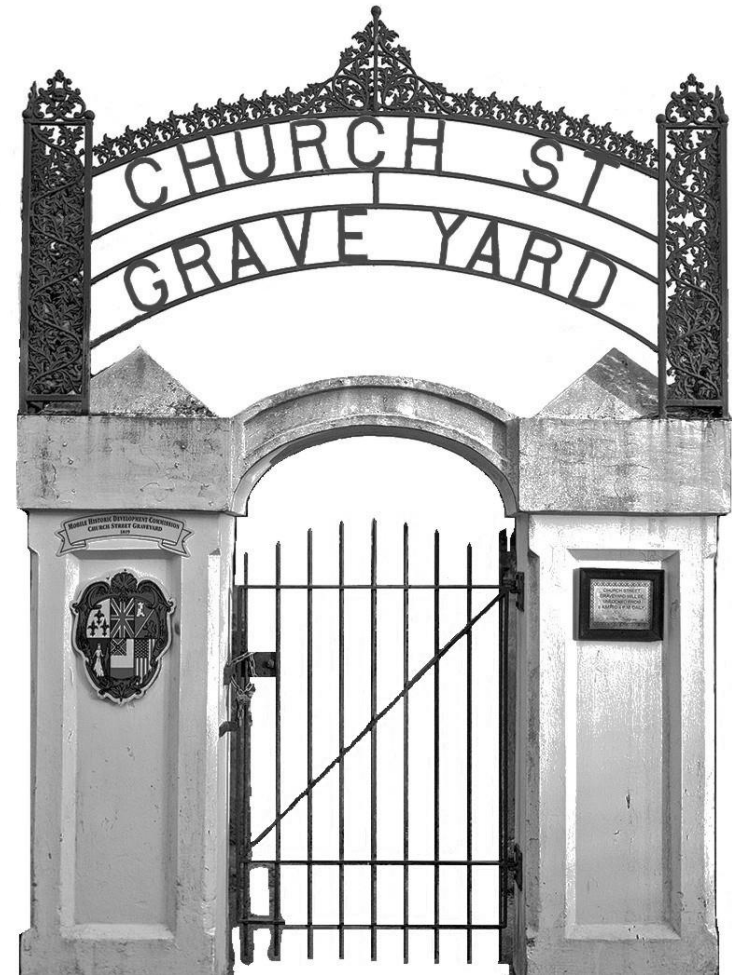
HI 103 – World History

HI-101 Western Civilization I

Sept. 14	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 6)
Sept. 19	Romans in the Bible DUE
Sept. 24	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 7)
Sept. 26	Article Two Approval
Oct. 1	On-Line Quiz (Ch. 8)
Oct. 3	Article Two – DUE
Oct. 9	Review Session TBD
Oct. 10	Exam Two (Ch. 6-8)

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Western Civilization I



**Eagle Project
Church Street Graveyard
Work Day**

**Saturday, Sept. 30
8:00am – 1:00 pm**

**Stone restoration training
provided by Build Mobile**

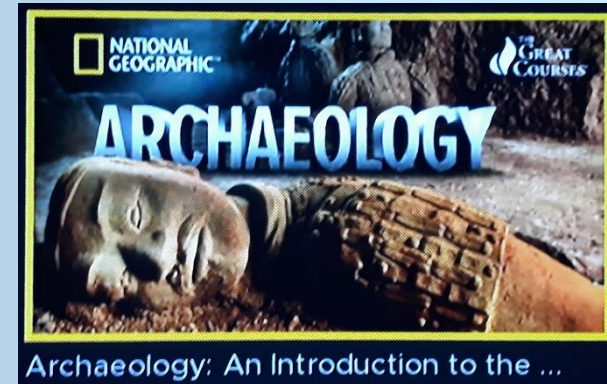
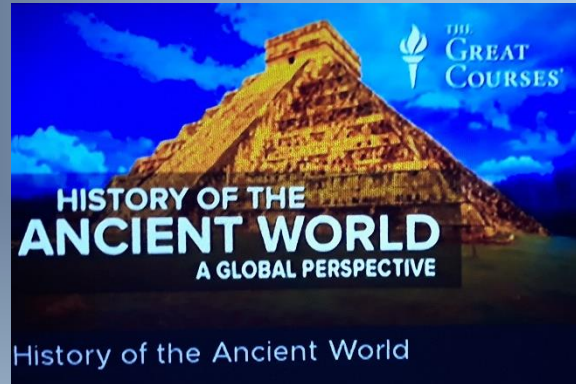
Lunch provided

**Four Person Teams needed
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History 101

Western Civilization -- Chapters 6-8



The Great Courses – (free on Kanopy streaming - MPL)

Ancient World

- 29: Augustus: Creator of the Roman Empire
- 30: Roman Emperors: Good, Bad and Crazy
- 34: Early Americas: Resources and Olmecs
- 35: Pots and Pyramids: Moche and Teotihuacan
- 36: Blood and Corn: Mayan Civilization
- 40: Later Roman Empire: Crisis and Christianity
- 41: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire

Archaeology

- 2: Excavating Pompeii and Herculaneum

Big History

- 22: Triumphs and Flaws of Imperial Rome
- 25: Islamic Expansion and Rule

Octavian becomes Caesar Augustus

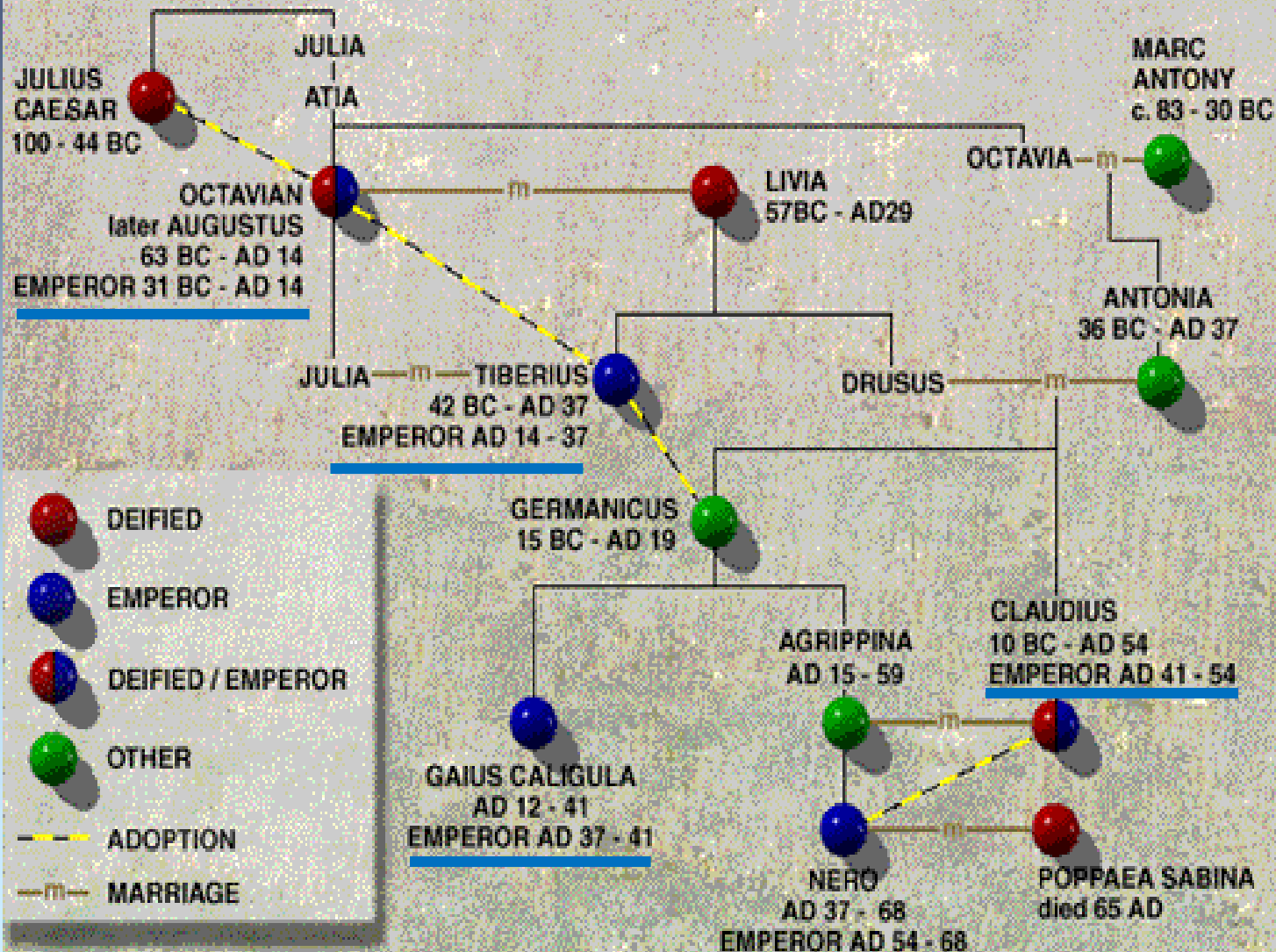
January 1, 27 BC

*“Mission
Accomplished”*



The Empire at its Height

SIMPLIFIED FAMILY TREE OF THE JULIO - CLAUDIAN EMPERORS



- DEIFIED
- EMPEROR
- DEIFIED / EMPEROR
- OTHER
- ADOPTION
- MARRIAGE

Augustus
Caesar's sister's g-son

Tiberius
Augustus' step-son

Caligula
Caesar's g-grandson

Claudius
Caesar's great-nephew

Nero
Caesar's g-g-grandson

The Empire at its Height

Octavian

Father dies when 4. Then raised by Caesar's sister (G-Mother) until 12.

Joined Caesar's staff at age 17. Added to Caesar's will to be adopted and be heir. (Octavius did not know.)

Age 19 when Caesar is assassinated.



The Empire at its Height

Octavian/Augustus

2nd Triumvirate (Octavian, Mark Antony, and Lepidus)

Liberators' civil war: 43-42 BC

Bellum Siculum: 42-36 BC

(Sextus Pompey, son of Pompey)

War of Actium: 32–30 BC

(Final War of the Roman Republic, Mark Antony)

16 January 27 BC

Imperator Caesar divi filius

Commander Caesar son of the deified one



The Empire at its Height

Caesar Augustus

Emperor 43 years: 27 BC – 14 AD

Maintained façade of the free Republic

Enlarged Empire

Created a Standing Army

Network of Roads

Reformed Tax system

Senatus Populus Que Romanus
Senate and the People of Rome



The Empire at its Height

Tiberius

Emperor 14-37 AD

**Was the 5th string choice of Augustus.
G-sons Gaius and Lucius
General Agrippa, nephew Marcellus**

**By Augustus' death in 37 AD, all 4 had
already died.**

**To get step-son Tiberius even on the
bench, he was forced to divorce his wife
and marry Julia, Agrippa's widow and
daughter of Augustus.**



The Empire at its Height

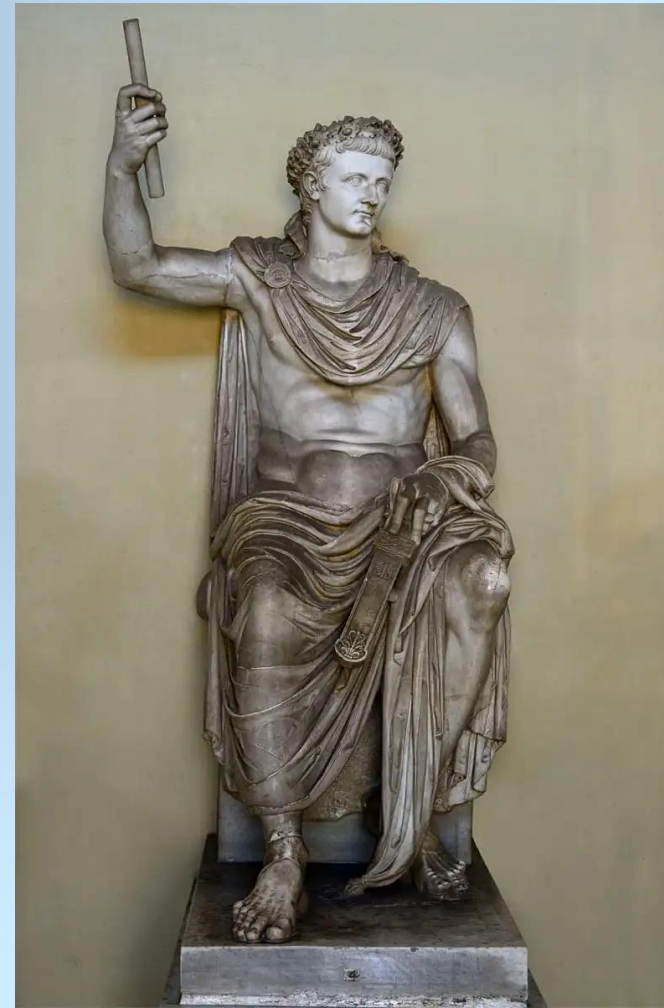
Tiberius

Emperor 14-37 AD

As emperor, Tiberius was a solid administrator. However in his 8th year he shared authority with his son Drusus, but within a year Drusus died in mysterious circumstances.

In 26 AD Tiberius withdrew from Rome and most of his duties were handled by the Praetorian Prefect, Sejanus.

In 31 AD Sejanus was discovered plotting to overthrow the emperor and was tried and executed within the week.



The Empire at its Height

Caligula

Emperor 37-41 AD

Father died when Caligula 7. Mother and 1 brother banished.

He spent teen years with G-Grandmother, who died. Then lived with grandmother while 2 brothers die.

Caligula lived with Emperor Tiberius for 6 years and was named joint heir.

At age 25 becomes emperor and starts out spending perhaps a 4 billion dollars on building projects and cash for praetorian guards and ordinary citizens of Rome.



The Empire at its Height

Caligula

Emperor 37-41 AD

In 1 year blows cash surplus built up by Tiberius. In an effort to increase income he taxes lawsuits, weddings and prostitution.

He grows more violent, and out of touch with reality, planning to move to Alexandria where he hoped to be worshipped as a living god. He is described as an insane emperor who was self-absorbed and short-tempered.

A conspiracy of officers of the Praetorian Guard and senators assassinated him with the false hope of restoring the Roman Republic.



The Empire at its Height

Claudius

Emperor 41-54 AD

Caligula's uncle

Pardons assassins of Caligula

Adopted the name "Caesar"

Expands empire (4 legions to Britain)

Aqueducts, canals, roads

Several failed coups

successfully poisoned (4th wife)



The Empire at its Height

Nero

Emperor – 54-68 AD

Took power at 16

**Overbearing mom – Agrippina
Planned shipwreck then “suicide”**

Fire in 64 – Christian scapegoats

**Senate declares “Public Enemy”
Chose suicide over assassination**



The Empire at its Height

The Five Good Emperors

the Roman Empire was governed by absolute power, under the guidance of wisdom and virtue

Nerva 96 – 98

Trajan 98 – 117

Hadrian 117 – 138

Antoninus Pius 138 – 161

Marcus Aurelius 161 - 180

(last 4 Adoptive Sons)



“Bread and Circuses”

Cheap food and entertainment as an effective way to rise to power.

Erosion of civic duty.



Next Up... Rome- East & West

