

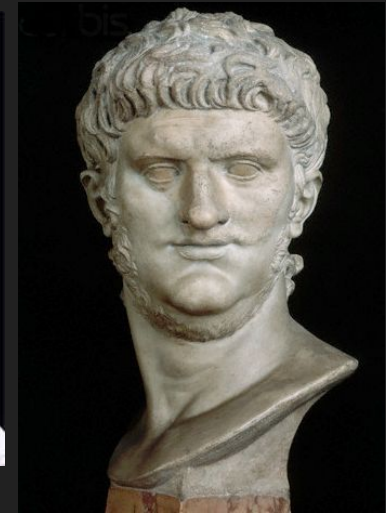
The Roman Empire: The Principate (27 BC - AD 192)



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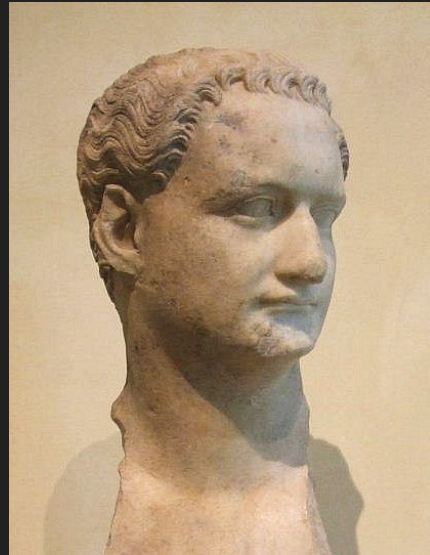
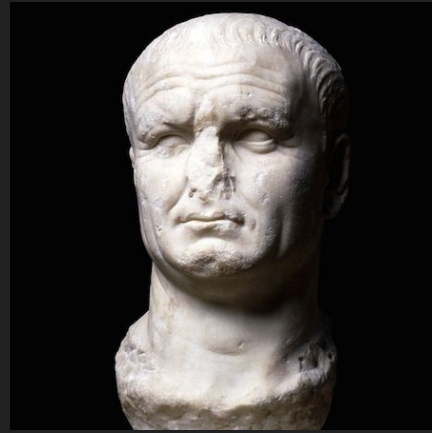
The Successors of Augustus

- Julio-Claudian Dynasty (AD 14 - 68)
- “Good” vs. “bad” emperors
- Tiberius (AD 14 - 37)
 - Retires to Capri; Empire run by Sejanus
- Caligula (AD 37 - 41)
 - Young and extravagant, assassinated in 41 BC
- Claudius (AD 41 - 54)
 - First emperor chosen by the Praetorians
- Nero (AD 54 - 68)
 - Young, cultured emperor or evil madman?



The Flavians (AD 68 - 96)

- Year of the four emperors (AD 68)
- Vespasian (AD 69 - 79)
 - 60 years old on ascension
 - “Modest, realistic, cautious”
- Titus (AD 79 - 81)
- Domitian (AD 81 - 96)
 - *Dominus et deus*
 - Stabbed to death by conspiracy
 - *Damnatio memoriae*



The Antonines (AD 96 - 192)

- “The five good emperors”
 - “A prologue with four acts and an epilogue”
- Nerva (AD 96 - 98)
 - Interim emperor
- Trajan (AD 98 - 117)
 - Successful general and administrator
 - Conqueror
 - *Optimus*
- Hadrian (AD 117 - 138)
 - Complex intellectual, traveller, Philhellene
- Antoninus Pius (138 - 161)
 - Height of the empire?
 - Not well known



The Antonines, continued

- Marcus Aurelius (AD 161 - 180)
 - The dutiful emperor
 - Philosopher, wrote “Meditations”
 - Unproductive wars with Parthia and Germans
- Commodus (AD 180 - 192)
 - First biological heir since Domitian
 - Insane?
 - Poisoned in AD 192

