

Runnymede St. Edwards School – Knowledge Organiser

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Romulus and Remus – twin boys abandoned by their father on the banks of the River Tiber and raised by wolves and then a shepherd. Romulus would go on to establish the city of Rome.

River Tiber – the river that runs through the City of Rome

Numa – the first king of Rome who was very religious and built many temples

Tarquin – the last king of Rome who was overthrown by Brutus and a Republic established

Republic – a state in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives

SPQR – an abbreviation for Senatus Populusque Romanus, referring to the government of the ancient Roman Republic

The founding of Rome

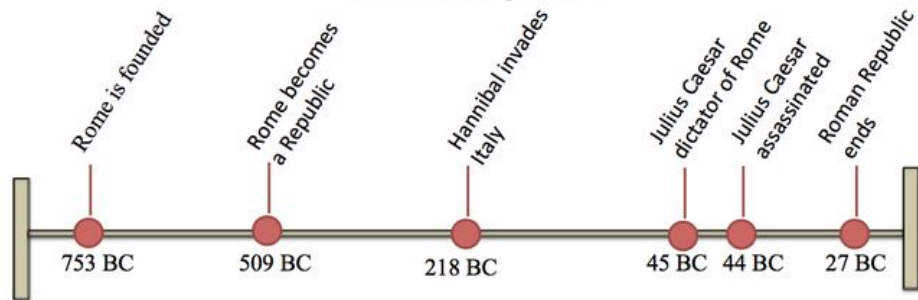


Romulus and Remus were twin boys who were left in a basket on the Tiber River when they were babies as their father, the King, was afraid that one day they would overthrow him and take his throne.

They were found and raised by a she-wolf and later by a shepherd. As the boys grew older they became natural leaders, after they discovered their true identity they went on to establish their own city.

The twins eventually came to the place where Rome is located today but neither could decide on which hill to build the city on. Each started to build their cities on different hills but one day fought over this. Romulus killed Remus and officially founded the city on April 21, 753 BC, making himself king, and naming it Rome after himself.

Roman Republic



The new king of Rome was called Numa and he was very, very religious.

To show how religious he was, Numa built lots and lots of temples in Rome.

One of Numa's most important temples was for the god Janus. Janus was the god of new beginnings and the god of doors.

Kings after Numa

- won many battles,
- expanded the city,
- built more temples
- built a bridge across the river Tiber.

Rome grew strong.

Tarquin was the last king of Rome. Tarquin:

- killed senators who did not agree with him
- chose new senators who would be on his side
- pulled down temples
- built new temples for his own family, not for the gods
- told lies.

The Romans hated 'Tarquin the Proud'.

Lucius Junius Brutus

Brutus made a big speech about Lucretia and the Tarquins. He helped Romans get rid of Tarquin the Proud. Brutus said Rome would never have another king!

Brutus said that instead of one man ruling Rome, the senate would rule. The senate would represent the people of Rome.

Senatus Populusque Romanus

The senate and people of Rome.

