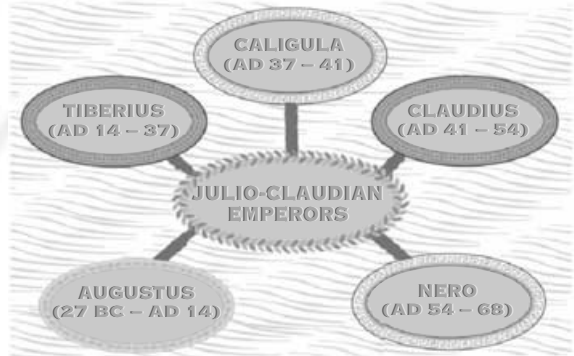




Discovery Worksheets

Roman emperors

Between 27 BC — when Augustus became the first Emperor — and AD 476, when the last emperor of the western part of the Roman Empire was overthrown by barbarians, there were over 100 Roman emperors! No emperor ever ruled as long as Augustus, who occupied the imperial throne for 41 years. Only six other emperors ruled for more than 20 years. It was certainly one of the best and worst jobs in the world as all their power, wealth and security could not save at least 21 of the first 50 emperors from being assassinated by their wives, friends, personal guards or senators. The Julio-Claudian ‘family’ of emperors ruled from 27 BC until AD 68. These men were Augustus, Tiberius, Gaius (better known as Caligula), Claudius and Nero. Launch: www.jaonline.com.au/history/weblinks and click on the Julio-Claudian weblink to answer the questions below.



1. Investigate whether the following statements are true or false:

- (a) Julius Caesar, the first emperor, died in AD 14. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer.
- (b) Tiberius was the son of Augustus, who was formerly known as Octavian. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer.
- (c) Like Caesar, Tiberius was resented by the senate. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer.
- (d) Gaius was called Caligula because he wore very small military boots. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer:
- (e) Nero treated his wife and mother with great respect. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer.
- (f) Claudius was physically disabled. TRUE FALSE
If false, give the correct answer.

2. Which two Julio-Claudian emperors seem to have been verging on madness? Please provide supporting evidence.

- (i) Emperor
- (ii) Emperor

3. What new regions, besides Italia, Corsica, Sardinia and Sicilia, had been added to the Roman Empire by 44 BC — three years after Claudius had become emperor?

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