# **Rome: Republic to Empire**

## Expansion

Rome expanded and controlled Italy

- Sea coast cities were colonies run by military officials
- Municipia: other towns that were controlled by Romans. (citizens could not vote)
- Allied cities: independent, allowed to keep own government

## Struggle w/ Carthage

Carthage: City in Northern Africa Former Phoenician colony • Punic Wars: wars between Carthage and Rome (Punic: Latin term for Phoenician) • Hannibal: famous military leader from Carthage Romans took over Carthage Sold citizens into slavery Salted land so nothing would grow





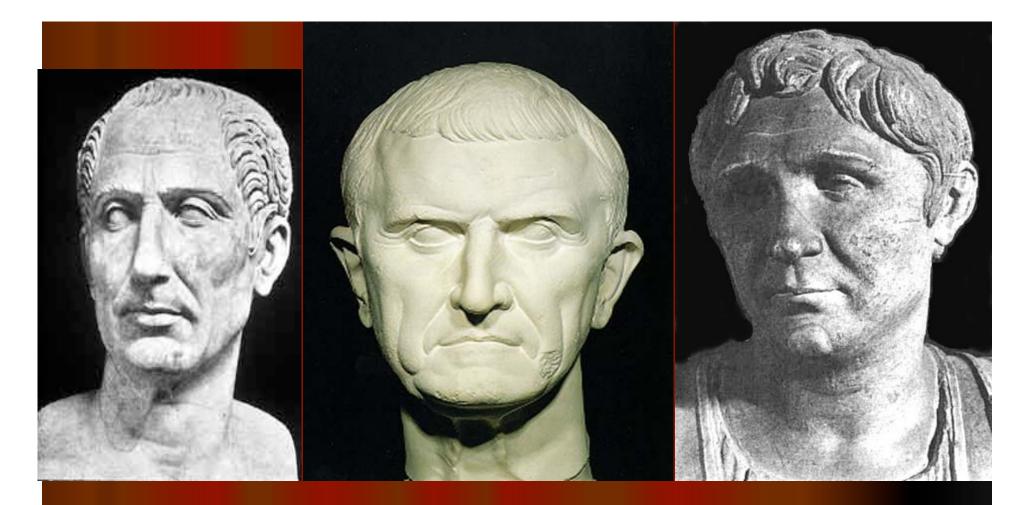
#### Problems w/ expansion

- Slaves were the main workforce
- Rich got richer, pushed poor farmers into cities for work
- Riots and mobs began
- Leaders gave these peasants free food and entertainment
  - Slaves became gladiators
  - Fought to the death w/ animals or one another

#### Leaders

Pompey, Crassus, and Caesar formed "First Triumvirate"
Ruling committee of three
Wealthy patricians
Excellent military leaders

Caesar's Gaul victories made him powerful



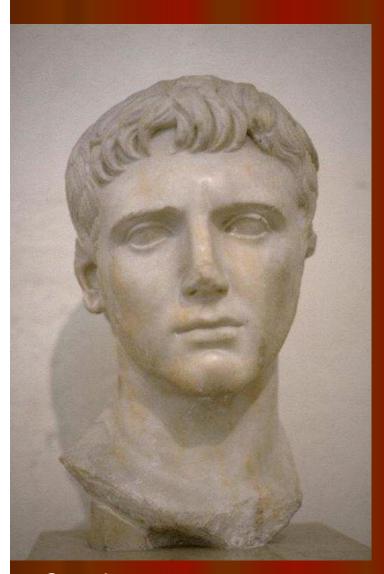
Caesar, Crassus, and Pompey respectfully

# Caesar Gains Power! (3:30)



## Collapse of Republic

 Pompey ordered Caesar to disband army Caesar refused and marched to Rome Pompey and senators fled to Greece Caesar declared himself dictator • Helped the poor, created jobs • Aristocrats upset (Brutus, Cassius assassinated Caesar) Second Triumvirate formed (Octavian, Mark Antony, Lepidus)



Octavian

Imperial Coins of Mark Antony





Imperial Coins of Lepidus

