



# The Rise of Rome

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# Geography

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- Italian Peninsula
  - Tiber River
  - Juts out into Mediterranean Sea
  - Island of Sicily is only 80 Miles from Africa
  - Hilly land
  - Apennine Mts. create many plains
  - Fertile land, Rome had strong agricultural economy
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Britain

Atlantic Ocean

Gaul

Raetia

Spain

Italy

Dacia

Dalmatia

Black Sea

Armenia

Thrace

Macedonia

Asia

Galatia

Mesopotamia

Cappadocia

Syria

Mauretania

Mediterranean Sea

Africa

Arabia

Cyrenaica

Egypt

# People of Ancient Italy

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- Lived there since 6,000 b.c.e.
  - Italic people lived inland
  - Etruscans lived in northern part
  - Greeks in southern part
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# Etruscans



- Came from Asia Minor
- Adapted Greek Alphabet
- Cities protected by moats and walls
- Farmers, miners, traders
- Ruled Rome from 616-509 b.c.e.

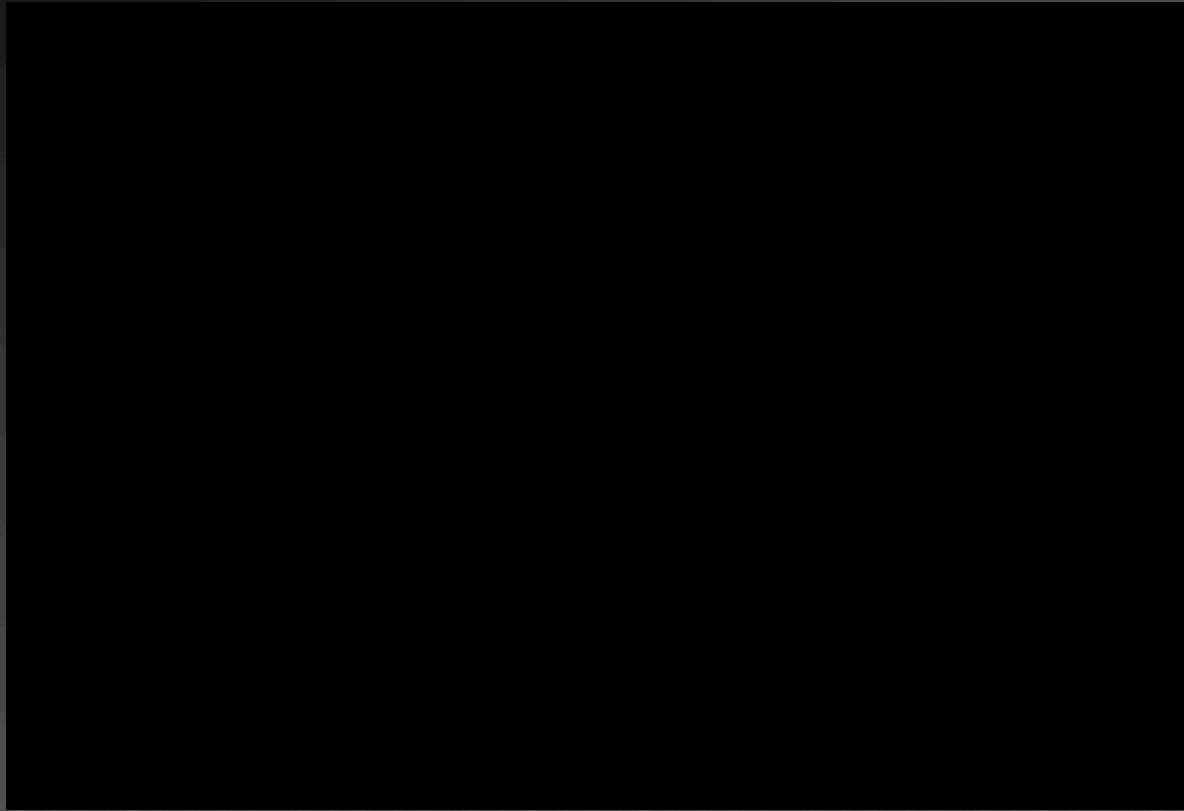
# Early Rome

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- Legend says Romulus & Remus founded Rome in 753 (rescued and raised by a wolf)
  - Republic was formed after getting rid of the last Etruscan King
  - Republic: sovereignty (supreme legal power) is done by voters
  - Male citizens w/ property
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# Creating a Republic (3:30)

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# Early Rome cont.

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- 2 dominant groups (patricians, plebeians)
  - Patricians
    - 200 wealthy families
    - Had all the political power
  - Plebeians
    - Rest of the free population
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# Political Reform

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- Plebeians threatened to move away
  - Tribunes (officials) were elected to listen to plebeians
  - Twelve Tables (450 b.c.e.)
    - Codes created to limit patricians
    - Elected 2 consuls (leaders)
      - Controlled army also
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# Roman Army

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- To vote you had to be in the army
  - No payment given, received a share of whatever was taken from the conquered
  - Very organized
    - 1<sup>st</sup> New Recruits & Poor
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> mix of young and old
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Veterans & Wealthy
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The End.

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