

Ancient History

Name

1. Give a brief description of the reign of Augustus (Octavian)?
2. Octavian wisely avoided assuming the trappings of a king. What title did he prefer?
3. Why do I refer to Augustus/Octavian as a philosopher emperor?
4. What Roman Emperor ruled from 41 A.D. to 54 A.D.?
5. Octavian created a special legion of Roman troops to be stationed in Rome. What was the name given to these troops?
6. Who assumed power upon the death of Augustus?
7. Who followed Tiberius on the throne? Give a brief description of his reign.
8. What Roman Emperor ruled from 54 to 68 A.D.?
9. Why did this Emperor start the first persecution of the Christians?
10. What happened upon the death of Nero?

11. Who succeeded Antonius Pius on the throne? When did he rule? What policy did he adopt toward the Christians? Why was his reign unfortunate? In what way did he depart from the three emperors who preceded him?
12. Why was the period from 96-180 A.D. known as the period of the "Five Good Emperors"?
13. When was Jerusalem destroyed? Why is the destruction of Jerusalem so significant?
14. Give a brief description of the rule of Vespasian.
15. Who ruled from 79 A.D to 81 A.D.? Give a brief description of his reign.
16. Who reigned after the death of Titus? Give a brief description of his rule.
17. What method of choosing a successor did several of the Good Emperors adopt? Who started this trend?
18. Who ruled the Roman Empire from 98-117 A.D.? What notable achievement occurred during his reign?
19. Describe the persecution under Trajan.

20. Who was the most famous martyr under Trajan? He was the first person to use what term?
21. Who followed Trajan as Emperor? How did his form of government differ from that of Trajan? What was his policy toward the Christians?
22. Do you think Hadrian's policies might have had any unforeseen negative consequences for the Empire?
23. Who succeeded Hadrian on the throne? How did he treat the Christians? What was policy did he adopt for the Empire?
24. Why might some view this as the high point of the pagan Roman Empire?
25. List two famous early Church Fathers who were martyred during the reign of Marcus Aurelius. Give a brief description of each.
26. What happened after the death of Septimius Severus in 211?
27. Who became Emperor in 284 B.C.? Give a brief explanation of his rule.
28. Give a brief description of the tetrarchy. Why did Diocletian choose this system of government?
29. Give a brief diagram of the tetrarchy, including titles and hierarchy.