



CHAPTER 7: THE HISTORY OF ROME - KINGS AND REPUBLIC

The story of Rome: history or myth?

1. Name three Roman historians. _____, _____, _____

2. What do we mean by 'myth'? _____

3. Roman historians were often interested in more than just the facts of the past: list three of the other things they were interested in.

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- _____
- _____

Consider Figure 7.1: *Intervention of the Sabine Women* by Jacques-Louis David

- Retell the myth behind the painting.

- What do you think this myth shows us about the Romans?



Rome ruled by kings

4. How many kings were there? _____

5. What was the name of the first king? _____

6. Explain the role of the following two political institutions:

- the senate _____
- the people's assemblies _____

The last king: Tarquin the Proud

7. How did Tarquin the Proud come to power? _____

8. Why was the royal family driven from Rome in 509 BC? _____

The Roman Republic

9. In what key ways was the Roman Republic different from the rule of kings? _____

Consider Figure 7.4: Brutus, one of the founders of the Roman Republic

- Why is Brutus so famous?

Dictators

10. What was exceptional about the powers of a dictator? _____



11. Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC after he had been made dictator for life: why was he killed?

Different forms of power: *imperium*, *auctoritas*, wealth, patronage and corruption

12. What is the meaning of the following terms:

- *imperium* _____
- *auctoritas* _____
- patronage _____

The strengths and weaknesses of the Roman Republic

13. List three strengths and three weaknesses of the Republic.

strengths

- _____
- _____
- _____

weaknesses

- _____
- _____
- _____