



Letters of Pliny

Timeline

Dates are all approximate. The information below is adapted, with permission from the author, from Appendix 1: Timeline (pgs. 249-252), Gibson, R. K. 2020. *Man of High Empire: The Life of Pliny the Younger*, Oxford.

Year (all CE)	Event
61-62	Birth of Pliny
Between 70-76	Death of Pliny's father
	Appointment of Verginius Rufus as Pliny's guardian
77	Pliny in Rome studying with Quintilian, teacher of rhetoric
79	Pliny adopted by Pliny the Elder
	Death of Pliny the Elder during eruption of Mount Vesuvius
80-81	Pliny's first court case as advocate
	Perhaps marries for the first time
84-87	Pliny is military tribune in Syria (for one, two or three years)
89 or 90	Pliny enters senate as quaestor of Augustus (emperor)
91 or 91	Pliny is tribune of the plebs
93 or 94	Pliny is praetor
	Pliny conducts important public court case (against Baebius Massa)
94-96 or 95-97	Pliny is prefect of the military treasury, appointed by the emperor
96	Death of Emperor Domitian
96 or 97	Probable date of the earliest of Pliny's letters
	Death of Pliny's wife – daughter of Pompeia Celerina
97	Pliny dedicates library and support scheme in hometown of Comum
97 or 98	Pliny marries Calpurnia
98	Death of emperor Nerva; Trajan appointed emperor
	Pliny is prefect of the treasury of Saturn, appointed by the emperor
100	Pliny is consul suffectus for months of September and October
	Pliny publishes his surviving speech of thanks to Trajan, the <i>Panegyricus</i>
102	Pliny defends Iulius Bassus, governor of Bithynia-Pontus
c. 103	Pliny is appointed augur (a religious position)
104-106	Pliny is curator of the Tiber river and the city sewers
106-107	Pliny defends in court Varenus Rufus, governor of Bithynia-Pontus



B L O O M S B U R Y

109-110/111-112

Pliny appointed governor of Bithynia-Pontus by Trajan

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Probable date of Pliny's death

Pliny in his will donates baths to hometown of Comum