

Who were the Romans?

Who founded Rome?

- According to legend, there were two twins: **Romulus and Remus**.
- They were the sons of the war God **Mars** and **Princess Rhea**.
- Legend says the twins were raised by a she-wolf.
- **Romulus killed Remus and founded Rome**, which is named after him.



Organisation of Ancient Rome

- Ancient Rome started as a **monarchy** with a **king**.
- In **509 BCE**, Rome became a **Republic** where **citizens of Rome** (not everyone) would vote for **300 senators** who would advise the **2 consuls**.
- In **27BCE** Rome became an **Empire**, with control focussed in an **emperor** who was advised by the **Senate**.



How big was the Roman Empire?

- Rome grew from a small city to rule large parts of **Europe and Asia**.
- The Empire mostly grew by **conquest** with their well trained **legions** of soldiers.
- The Empire was at its **biggest** in **117CE**.

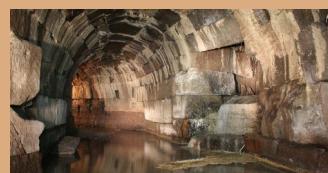


Ancient Roman Life

- Romans were divided into different **social groups**.
 1. **Slaves** (who could not vote)
 2. **Plebeians** (who could vote)
 3. **Patricians** (who could vote and were the group who could become senators)
- **Women** could not vote and had few rights in Ancient Rome. Her life was decided by the man of the house.



Ancient Roman Technology



Aqueducts

Public Baths

Sewers

Roads