

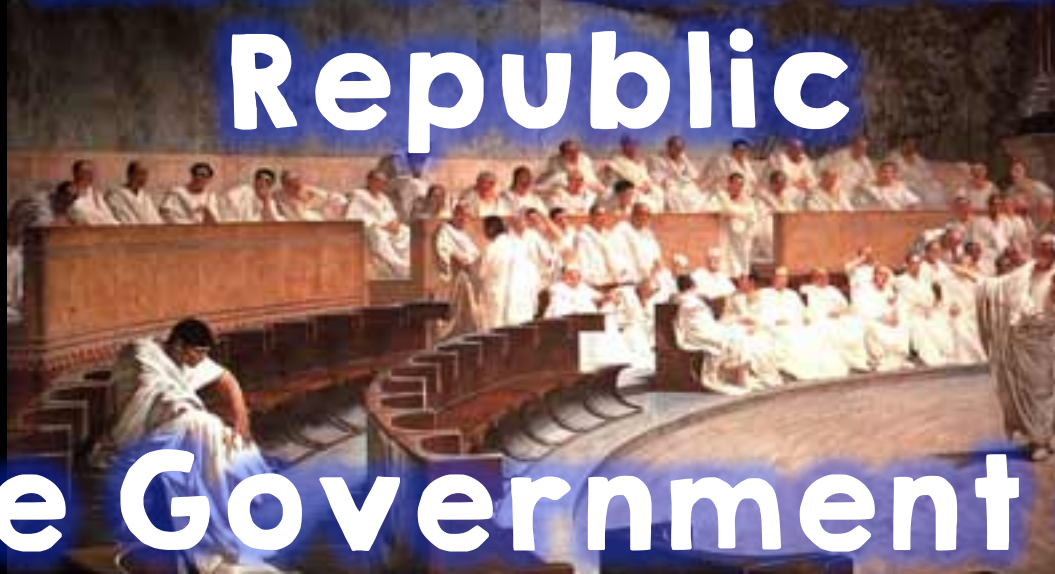
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Ancient Rome



Sections 1 & 2

The Rise of the Roman Republic



The Government of the Republic

A Boot in the Sea

- Peninsula
- Sticks out into the Mediterranean
- Sicily: Island to the west of the “toe”



Apennine Mountains



The Alps

- Rich farmland
- Alps: Europe's highest mountains
 - Create wall
- Apennine Mountains: backbone through Italy
 - travel difficult



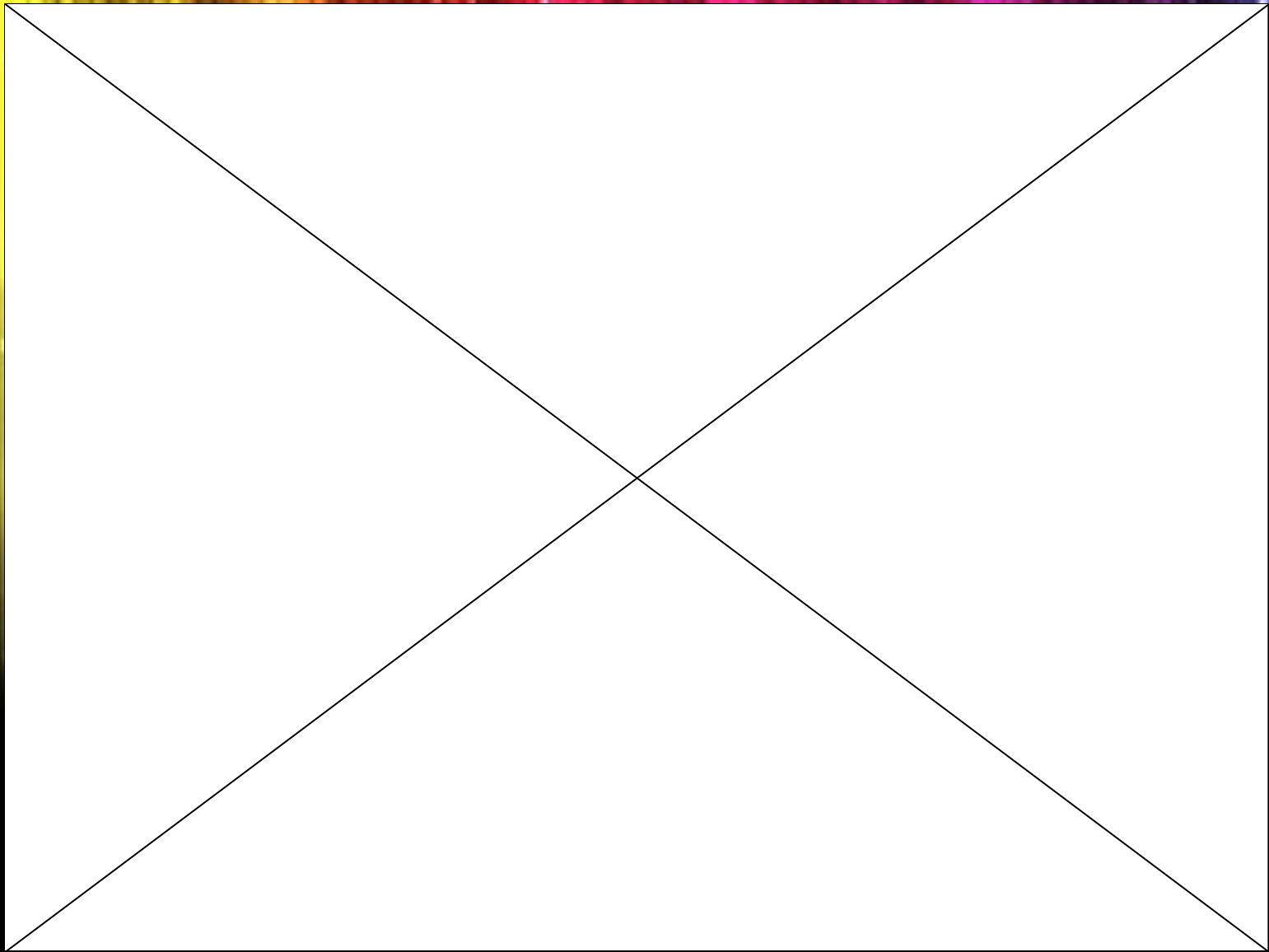
The Legend

Romulus & Remus

A story of twins...

jealousy...and murder....





More Geography

- **Rome** built across 7 hills
- **Latium Plain:** City of Rome grew here
 - Tiber River runs through it
 - Fertile land; ash from inactive volcanoes



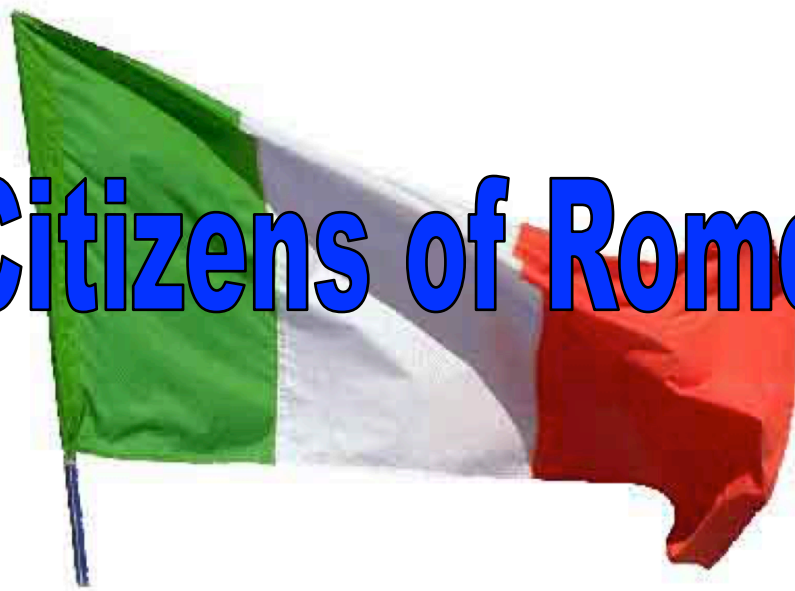
Farmers Grew...



- Wheat, beans, cabbage, lettuce, figs
- **Most important: grapes**
 - to make wine
 - used wine to pour into cuts and wounds



Citizens of Rome



2 groups of citizens:

1. **Plebeians:** the “ordinary Joe’s”
2. **Patricians:** Nobles

Roman King overthrown
and patricians took
power

– New government:
republic

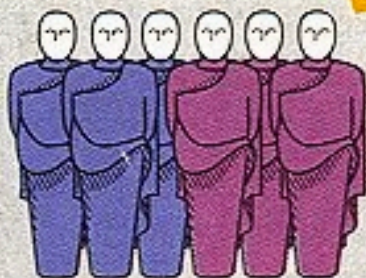
- Chose representatives to act for them

PATRICIANS

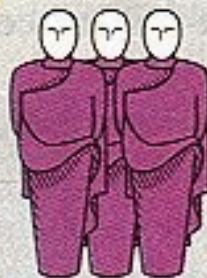
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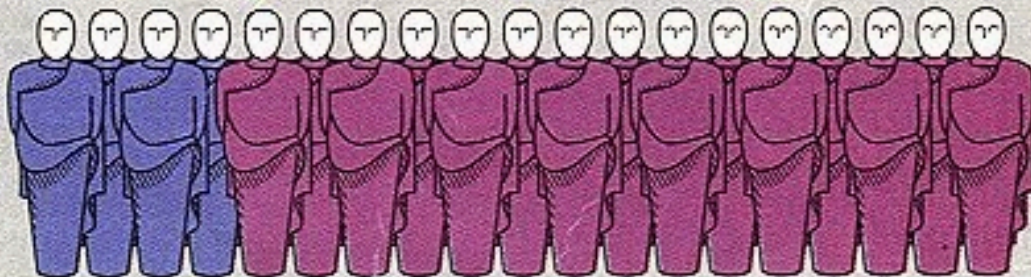
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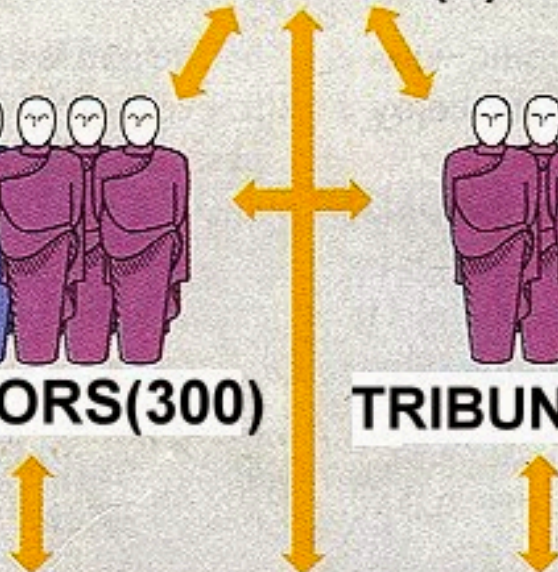
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TRIBUNES(10)



CITIZEN ASSEMBLIES(ADULT MALE CITIZENS)



3 Branches of Government

The Republic

Consuls

- Army commanders
- Powerful judges
- Could propose new laws

Senators

- Most powerful branch
- Controlled money of Rome

Tribunes

- Led the citizens assembly
- Worked to gain rights for the Plebeians

Citizen Assembly (All Citizens)

- Could veto/stop Consuls' actions

The Twelve Tables

- written collection of laws
- governed everything from marriage to slavery
- Posted in the **Forum**:
center of all civic life





Rome vs. Carthage

- Romans fought with Carthage for control of Sicily
 - Carthage (Africa)
 - Punic Wars: over 20 years
 - Carthage surrendered Sicily
- Carthage Mad!!! *Hannibal's Plan:*
 - Marched from Spain to Rome: 90,000 men & elephants
 - Hannibal defeated at the Battle of Zama in 202 BC

