

HISTORY OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE
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1. This man became Rome's first emperor on January 16, 27 BC.
A. Julius Caesar B. Augustus C. Tiberius D. Claudius
2. He was the last ruler in the Year of the Four Emperors, also known as the Civil War Emperors.
A. Vitellius B. Otho C. Galba D. Vespasian
3. Born in Leptis Magna, this emperor established a new dynasty in 193 AD after defeating his rivals Clodius Albinus and Pescennius Niger.
A. Macrinus B. Caracalla
C. Septimius Severus D. Severus Alexander
4. What elderly senator ruled from 96-98 AD and was the first of the Five Good Emperors?
A. Nerva B. Marcus Aurelius C. Hadrian D. Trajan
5. The Great Fire of 64 AD enabled this emperor to build the Domus Aurea.
A. Galba B. Claudius C. Nero D. Caligula
6. A triumphal arch commemorating the conquest of Jerusalem was dedicated to this emperor and still stands in Rome today.
A. Commodus B. Vespasian C. Hadrian D. Titus
7. This Visigoth sacked Rome in 410 AD.
A. Odoacer B. Alaric C. Attila D. Theodoric
8. Which of the following was known as "dominus et deus"?
A. Aurelian B. Julian C. Domitian D. Constantine
9. This ruler of 138-161 AD celebrated the 900th anniversary of Rome.
A. Antoninus Pius B. Hadrian C. Marcus Aurelius D. Trajan
10. This man spent much of his rule in voluntary exile on the islands of Rhodes and Capri.
A. Augustus B. Claudius C. Nero D. Tiberius

11. He was the last ruler of the Western Roman Empire.
A. Zeno B. Odoacer C. Aetius D. Romulus Augustulus
12. Who spent much of his reign traveling the empire and was known for his love of architecture and all things Greek?
A. Trajan B. Hadrian C. Antoninus Pius D. Marcus Aurelius
13. What son of Germanicus ruled from 37-41 AD?
A. Caligula B. Claudius C. Nero D. Britannicus
14. This emperor killed his own brother, Geta.
A. Macrinus B. Elagabalus C. Caracalla D. Severus Alexander
15. Who established the Tetrarchy, a system of four-man rule?
A. Constantius B. Diocletian C. Maximian D. Galerius
16. Which of Augustus' wives was the mother of Julia?
A. Livia B. Scribonia C. Claudia D. Messalina
17. This prefect of the Praetorian Guard was involved in the assassination of the emperor Caracalla.
A. Plautianus B. Papinian C. Narcissus D. Macrinus
18. Which of the Emperors of 69 AD was supported by Julius Vindex, governor of Gallia?
A. Vespasian B. Vitellius C. Galba D. Otho
19. What king of Persia captured the emperor Valerian circa 260 AD?
A. Shapur I B. Ardashir I C. Tigranes II D. Artaxias IV
20. Under which emperor did Boudicca lead a revolt in Britain?
A. Aurelian B. Nero C. Claudius D. Domitian
21. After the death of her husband Odaenathus, of what realm did Zenobia become queen in 268 AD?
A. Palmyra B. Assyria C. Galatia D. Armenia
22. This Roman general defeated the Huns at Catalaunian Plains in 451 AD.
A. Stilicho B. Belisarius C. Orestes D. Aetius

23. What emperor, born in Spain, built a column to commemorate his war against Dacia?
A. Domitian B. Hadrian C. Trajan D. Marcus Aurelius
24. The title *Restitutor Orbis* is associated with which of the following?
A. Augustus B. Julian C. Aurelian D. Valentinian
25. Three legions were lost at Teutoburg Forest in 9 AD under the command of this man.
A. Tiberius B. Varus C. Germanicus D. Arminius
26. Who was the last to rule a united eastern and western empire?
A. Theodosius I B. Honorius C. Arcadius D. Valentinian II
27. Whose reign ended with a defeat at the Battle of Verona in 249 AD?
A. Decius B. Trebonianus Gallus C. Gallienus D. Philip the Arab
28. During the reign of Domitian, what governor of Germania Superior rose up in revolt?
A. Gaius Silius B. Antonius Saturninus
C. Cornelius Rufus D. Lentulus Gaetulicus
29. The death of this man marked the beginning of the Barracks Emperors.
A. Commodus B. Maximinus Thrax
C. Severus Alexander D. Elagabalus
30. What general of Marcus Aurelius captured the Parthian capital of Ctesiphon in 164 AD and attempted to take the throne eleven years later?
A. Lucius Verus B. Platorius Nepos C. Lucius Aelius D. Avidius Cassius
31. What Praetorian Prefect of Nero encouraged the emperor's darker tendencies and was forced to commit suicide by Otho?
A. Tigellinus B. Burrus C. Nymphidius Sabinus D. Faenius Rufus
32. Which emperor abdicated the throne and retired to Salona on the Adriatic?
A. Maximian B. Constantius Chlorus C. Diocletian D. Galerius
33. What was the name of the Greek youth said to have been loved by Hadrian who tragically drowned in the Nile?
A. Antonius B. Antoninus C. Attianus D. Antinous

34. To what office did Augustus ascend after the death of Lepidus in 12 BC?
A. Consul B. Tribune C. Dictator D. Pontifex Maximus
35. What emperor's original name was Bassianus?
A. Caligula B. Elagabalus C. Carinus D. Nero
36. This member of the Julio-Claudian family was banished to Planasia in 7 AD.
A. Julia the Younger B. Lucius Caesar
C. Agrippa Postumus D. Agrippina the Younger
37. What commander of Vespasian defeated Vitellius at the Second Battle of Cremona?
A. Antonius Primus B. Licinius Mucianus
C. Aelius Caecina D. Fabius Valens
38. How many emperors ruled in the year 238 AD?
A. 4 B. 5 C. 6 D. 7
39. St. Ambrose forced Theodosius I to repent for a massacre at what city?
A. Milan B. Constantinople C. Ravenna D. Thessalonika
40. Aurelian defeated what leader of the Gallic Empire at Chalons-Sur-Marne in 273 AD?
A. Postumus B. Victorinus C. Tetricus D. Marius
41. This aedile created a private fire brigade, prompting Augustus to create an imperial fire brigade led by the *praefectus vigilum*.
A. Gaius Turranius B. Titus Statilius Taurus
C. Quintus Poppaeus D. Marcus Egnatius Rufus
42. Who was the first praetorian prefect of the emperor Commodus who executed his co-prefect Paternus?
A. Cleander B. Perennis C. Quintianus D. Laetus
43. What brother-in-law of Hadrian was put to death for attempting to make his own grandson emperor in 136 AD?
A. Julius Ursus Servianus B. Gnaeus Pedanius Fuscus
C. Cornelius Palma D. Lusius Quietus

44. Cartimandua, who handed Caratacus over to the Romans during the conquest of Britain, was queen of what tribe?
A. Deceangli B. Brigantes C. Iceni D. Trinovantes
45. Which man had a limp and a tic and pretended to be stupid before being chosen as emperor by the Praetorian Guard?
A. Tiberius B. Caligula C. Claudius D. Nero
46. What emperor carried out a persecution of the Christians, executing Pope Fabian and demanding their conversion to paganism in the 3rd Century AD?
A. Maximinus Thrax B. Valerian C. Decius D. Diocletian
47. Which Julio-Claudian emperor celebrated the successful draining of Lake Fucine after eleven years with a *naumachia* made up of 20,000 condemned men?
A. Claudius B. Caligula C. Nero D. Tiberius
48. Where did Aemilius Aemilianus defeat Trebonianus Gallus in 253 AD?
A. Interamna B. Abrittus C. Verona D. Antioch
49. Along with Justinian's law code, the code of this emperor on administrative law is considered one of the greatest achievements of Roman statecraft.
A. Theodosius I B. Theodosius II C. Valentinian II D. Valentinian III
50. Which emperor reached a truce with Bahram II of Persia and defeated the pretender Bonosus before being executed by the Pannonian army?
A. Aurelian B. Carus C. Claudius Gothicus D. Probus