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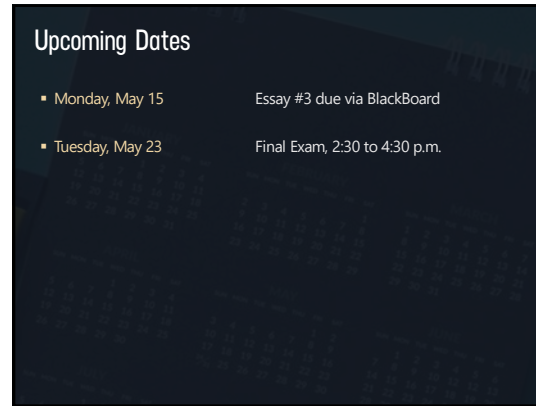
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### Divisions within the nobility

| POPULARES  | OPTIMATES  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders who <b>seek popularity</b> among the people of Rome</li> <li><b>Demonize the senate</b> as oppressing the masses and protecting privilege at Rome's expense, especially in war</li> <li>Urge Romans to place their <b>faith and trust in great men</b>, not institutions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaders who <b>seek to protect the old ways</b></li> <li><b>Champion the senate</b> as guardians of tradition and the collective, anonymous rule that made Rome strong</li> <li>Urge Romans to place their <b>faith and trust in institutions</b>, not great men</li> </ul> |
| <b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Gracchus brothers</li> <li>Gaius Marius</li> <li>Julius Caesar</li> <li>Octavian/Augustus</li> </ul>  | <b>Examples</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sulla</li> <li>Metellus Numidicus</li> <li>Cato (the younger)</li> </ul>  |

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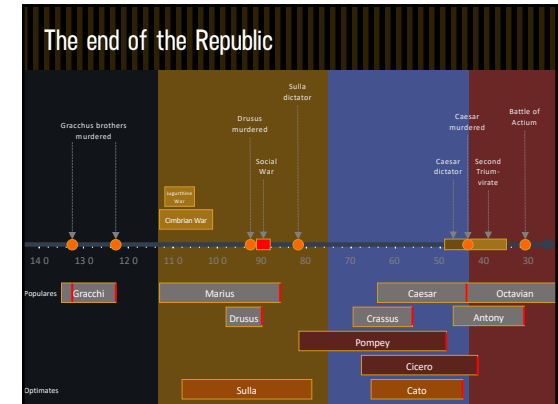
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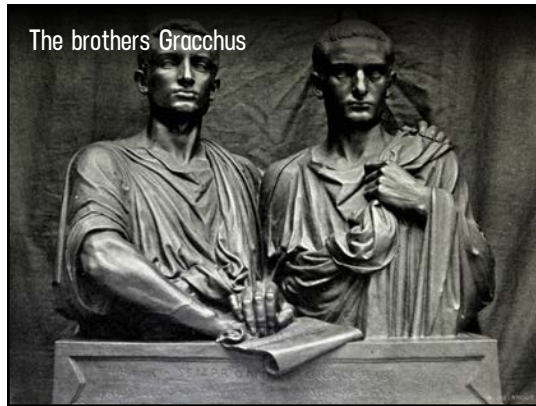
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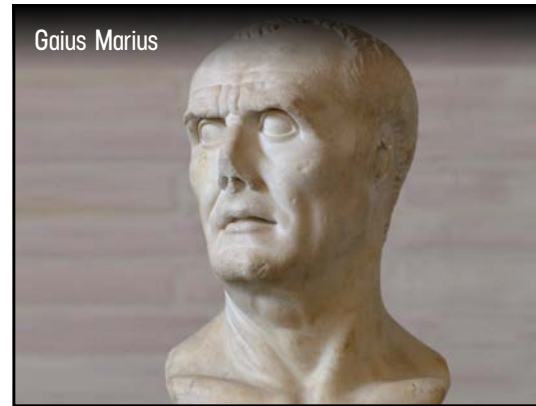
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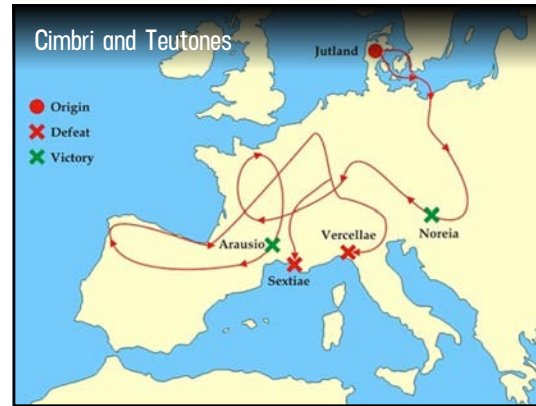
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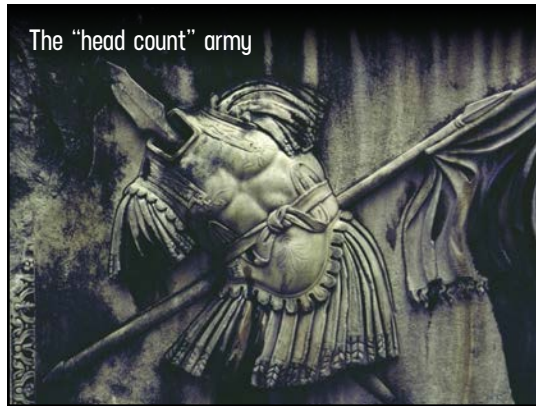
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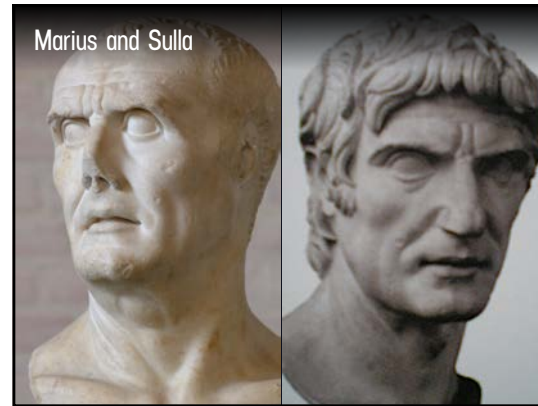
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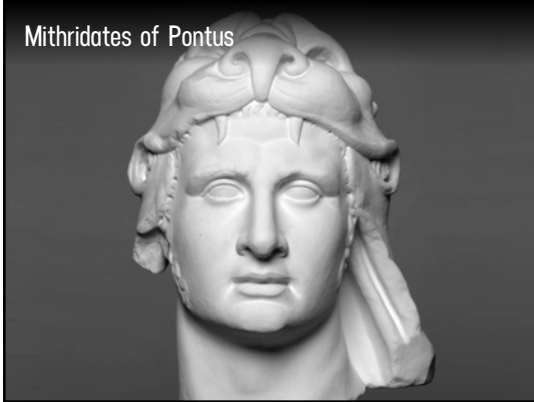
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Mithridates of Pontus



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Marius and Cinna take over Rome



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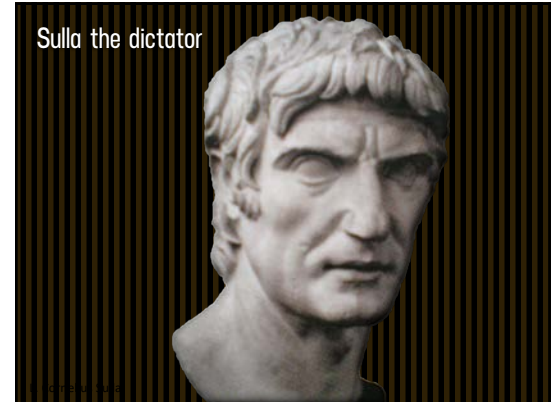
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Sulla the dictator



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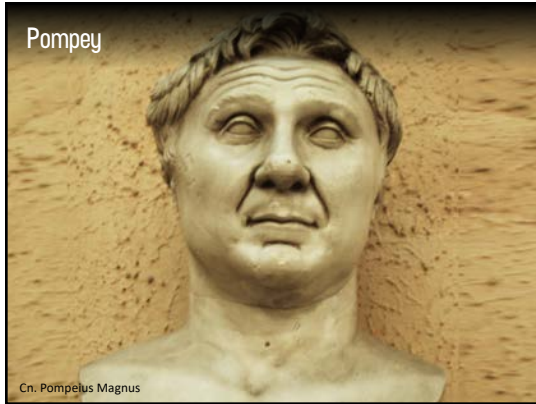
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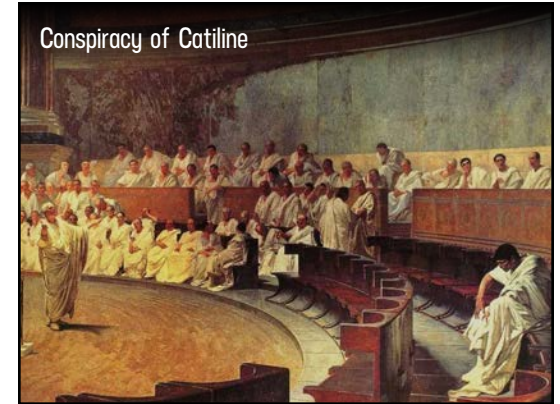
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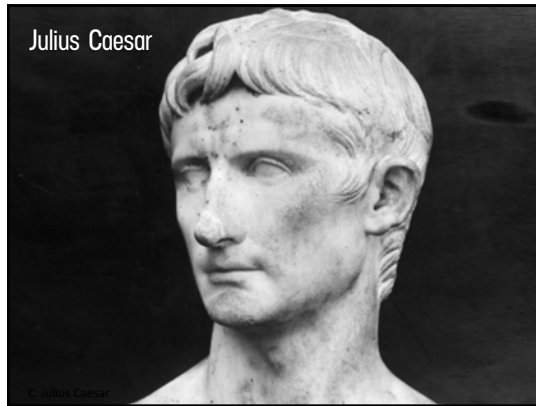
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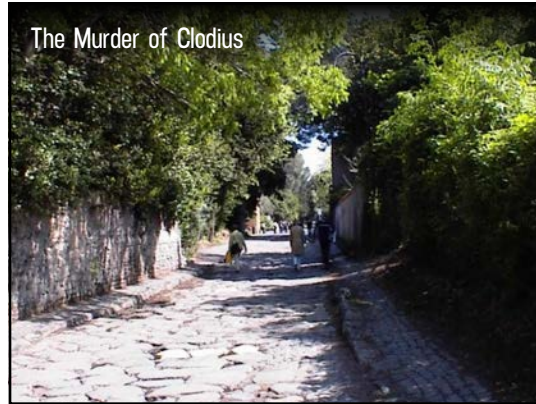
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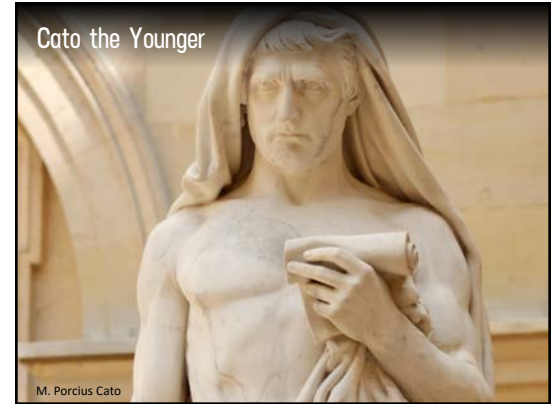
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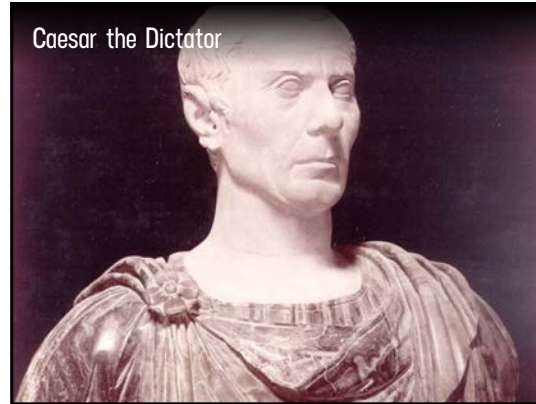
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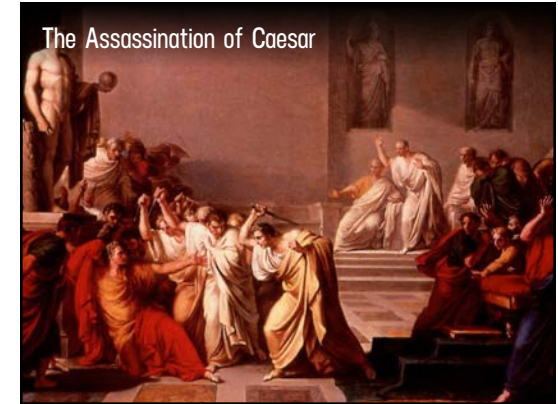
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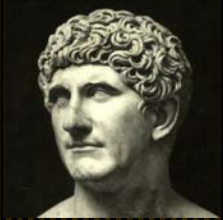
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Caesar's successors



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