



**Augustus, Princeps, Imperator**

Civilizations of the Ancient World | Meeting #27

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**Upcoming Dates**

- Monday, December 8  
Images Essay Due
- Tuesday, December 16  
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
Final Exam
- Sunday, December 14  
Responses for Week 16 Due
- Sunday, December 28  
**Ultimate Deadline**
  - No late papers or resubmissions for reversible deductions after this date
  - No exceptions
  - Incompletes owing to personal emergencies must be mutually agreed before this date

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**Four things today**

- Octavian and Antony
- Octavian becomes Augustus
- The Principate
- The Constituencies of Empire

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### Responses

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### Final Exam

- Identification and Impact
  - Define and discuss the impact of 4-5 terms or names
  - All terms will come from the review sheet
- Short answer
  - 1-2 specific questions about key ideas
- Multiple Choice
- Essays
  - One essay having to do with overall themes of the course
  - Provide an argument and three solid examples

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## Questions about whatever



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## Augustus and the Principate

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### Octavian takes charge

- After defeating Antony at Actium, Octavian is the last warlord standing
- Promises peace and the restoration of the Republic
  - Senate grateful for and end to the civil wars
  - People grateful to Octavian as a genuine reformer and the heir of Marius and Caesar

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### Augustus, Princeps, Imperator



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### First settlement (27 BCE)

- "Restoration of the Republic"
- Ten-year guardianship of provinces
- Titles of Augustus and Princes
  - Augustus: "honored one"
  - Princes: "first speaker"
  - Begins calling himself *Imperator Caesar divi filius*
- Right to hang the corona civica
  - corona civica: given to a Roman who saves the lives of other Romans
- Annual consulship

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### Second settlement (23 BCE)

- Consular imperium
  - Commander of every army
  - Superior of every governor
  - Supreme authority over city of Rome
- Power of a tribune of the plebs
  - Convene the Senate
  - Veto
  - Sacrosanctity
- Power of a censor
  - Supervision of morals and senate membership
  - Judicial review
  - Census

The heart of the principate  
The *powers* of the office  
without the *limits* of the office

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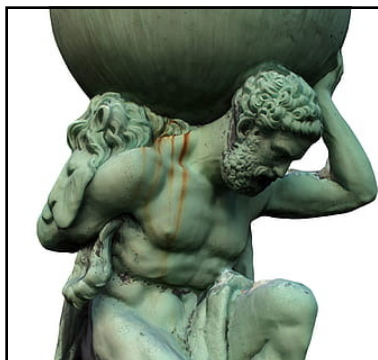
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### The princeps

- The principate embodies the populist goal: the people's faith and trust in a proven champion
- The princeps is a private citizen granted the powers needed to protect Rome and its empire

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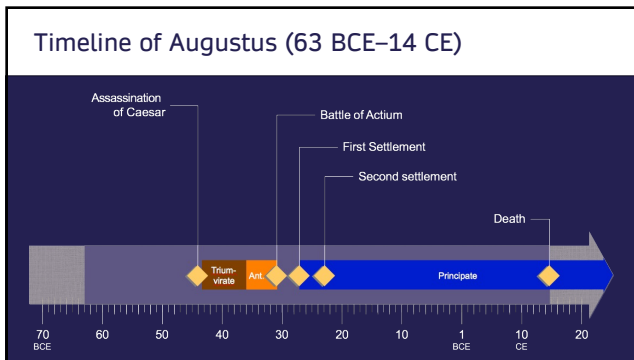
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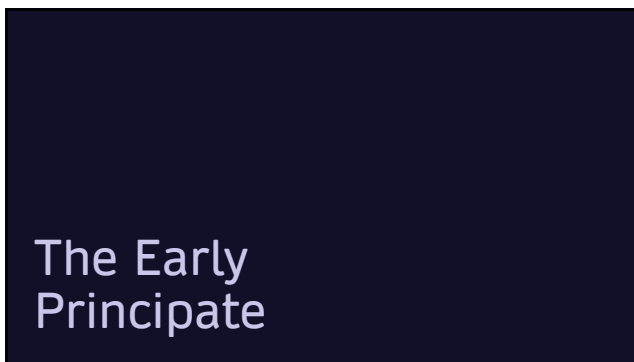
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A marble bust of Augustus, showing him in a military cloak (paludamentum) with a cuirass (breastplate) decorated with various figures and symbols. He has a serious expression and short, curly hair.

### Establishing the principate

- Learning from the mistakes of Caesar
- Rule on behalf of all Rome
- Allying with talented and respected Romans
- Ensuring a plan for the future of empire and principate

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### Establishing the principate: Talented allies



Agrippa



Livia

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### Establishing the principate: Constituencies



Army



People



Nobility

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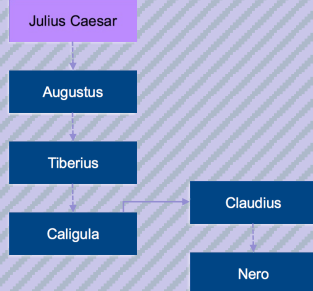
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### Establishing the principate: Succession



- Role of champion belongs to the individual as a private citizen
- Role passed to personal heir
  - Marius to nephew Caesar
  - Caesar to great-nephew Octavian
- Augustus confirms precedent of adopting an already proven successor

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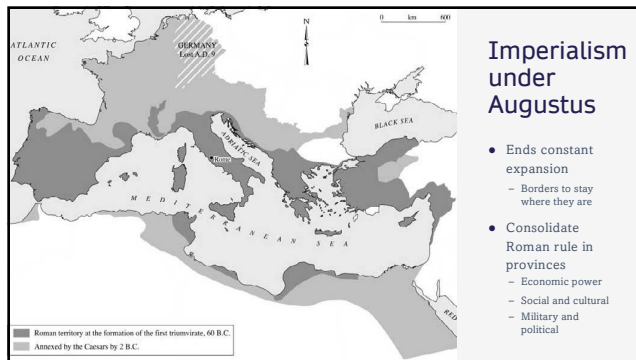
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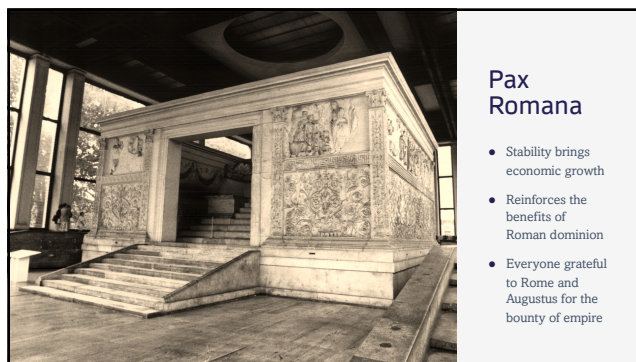
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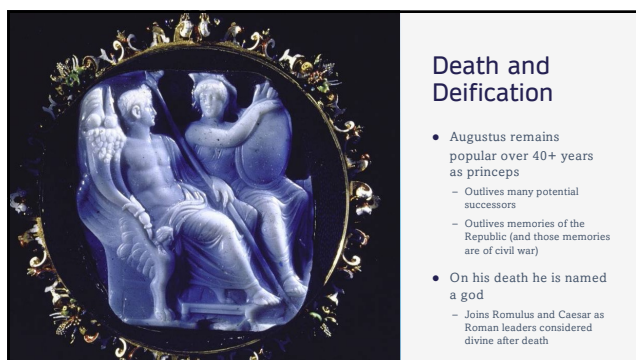
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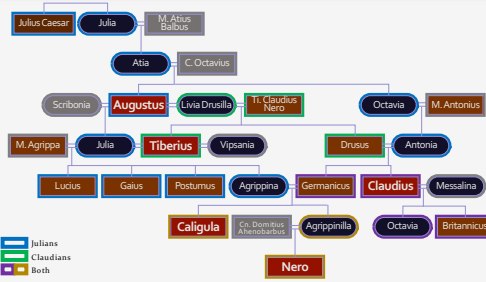
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## The Julio-Claudians



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