Roman Praenomina

The Roman first name, or *praenomen*, was chosen from a very short list; often those selection was conditioned by a family tradition, such as the firstborn being named M., the second son Sex., and so on. The most common *praenomina* had standardized abbreviations that sometimes reflected archaic spellings. The number of names in used shrank over the course of the Republic.

- Appius (Ap.)
- Aulus (A.)
- Caeso (K.)
- Decimus (D.)
- ► Gaius (C.)
- Gnaeus (Cn.)
- Lucius (L.)
- Mamercus (Mam.)
- Manius (M'.)
- Marcus (M.)
- Numerius (N.)
- Postumus (Post.)¹
- Proculus (Pro.)
- Publius (P.)
- Quintus (Q.)
- Servius (Ser.)
- Sextus (Sex.)
- Spurius (S.)
- Tiberius (Ti.)
- Titus (T.)
- Vibius (V.)

Other praenomina:

- Agrippa
- Faustus
- Hostus
- Mettius
- Nonus
- Octavius
- Opiter
- Paullus
- Septimus
- Sertor
- Statius
- Tullus
- Volesus
- Vopiscus

¹ Normally reserved for boys born after their fathers' deaths.