

THE ROMAN REPUBLIC

Academus Education



WELCOME

- Today's sessions are all about Rome. The morning is focused on history, and the afternoon will be all about Roman literature.

Session	Topic
Session 1 (1 hour)	Roman Republic
Session 2 (1 hour)	Early Roman Empire
Session 3 (1 hour)	Later Roman Empire
Lunch (1 hour)	
Session 4 (1 hour)	Roman Epic – Virgil and Lucan
Session 5 (1 hour)	Rome and the Alt-Right

ORIGINS OF ROME

The word 'Rome' comes from the story of Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome.



ROMULUS AND REMUS

- Romulus and Remus were brothers born to Mars (the god of war) and Rhea Silvia.
- They were raised by a wolf, and one of them was destined to found the great city of Rome.
- They argued over where the city should be situated, and after a contest was won, and after killing his brother Remus he set out to found the city after Romulus
- After Romulus, kings ruled Rome until c. 509 BC

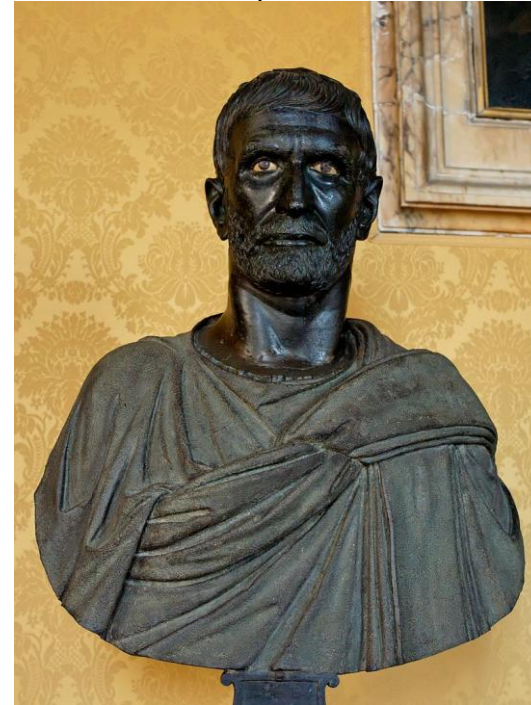


FINAL KING OF ROME

Lucius Tarquinius Superbus
(Tarquin the Proud)
The final king of Rome
Ruled from 535–509 BCE



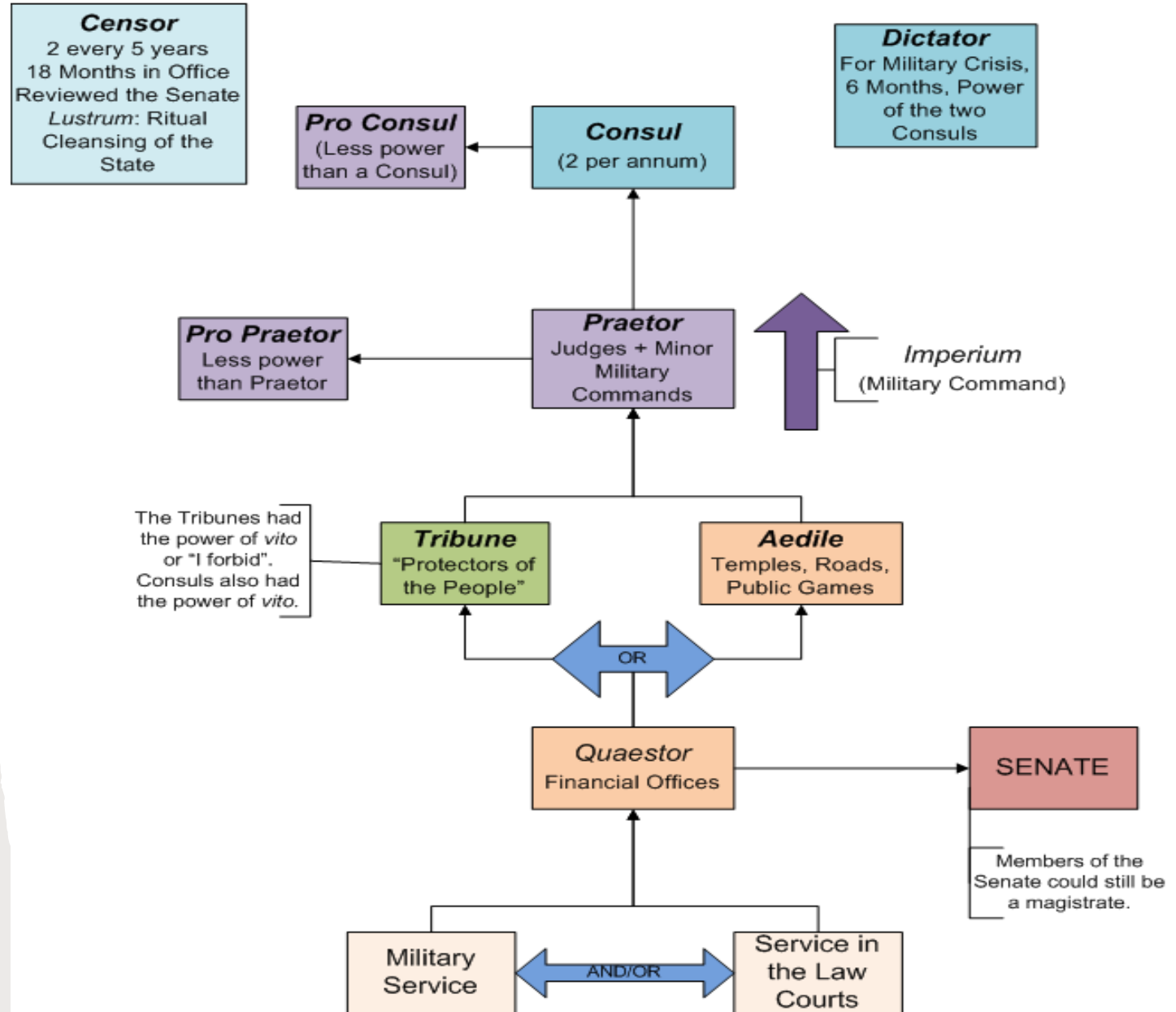
Lucius Junius Brutus
(Brutus)
Overthrew the monarchy and
established the republic in 509
BCE



Cursus Honorum

"The Ladder of Honours"

CURSUS HONOREM



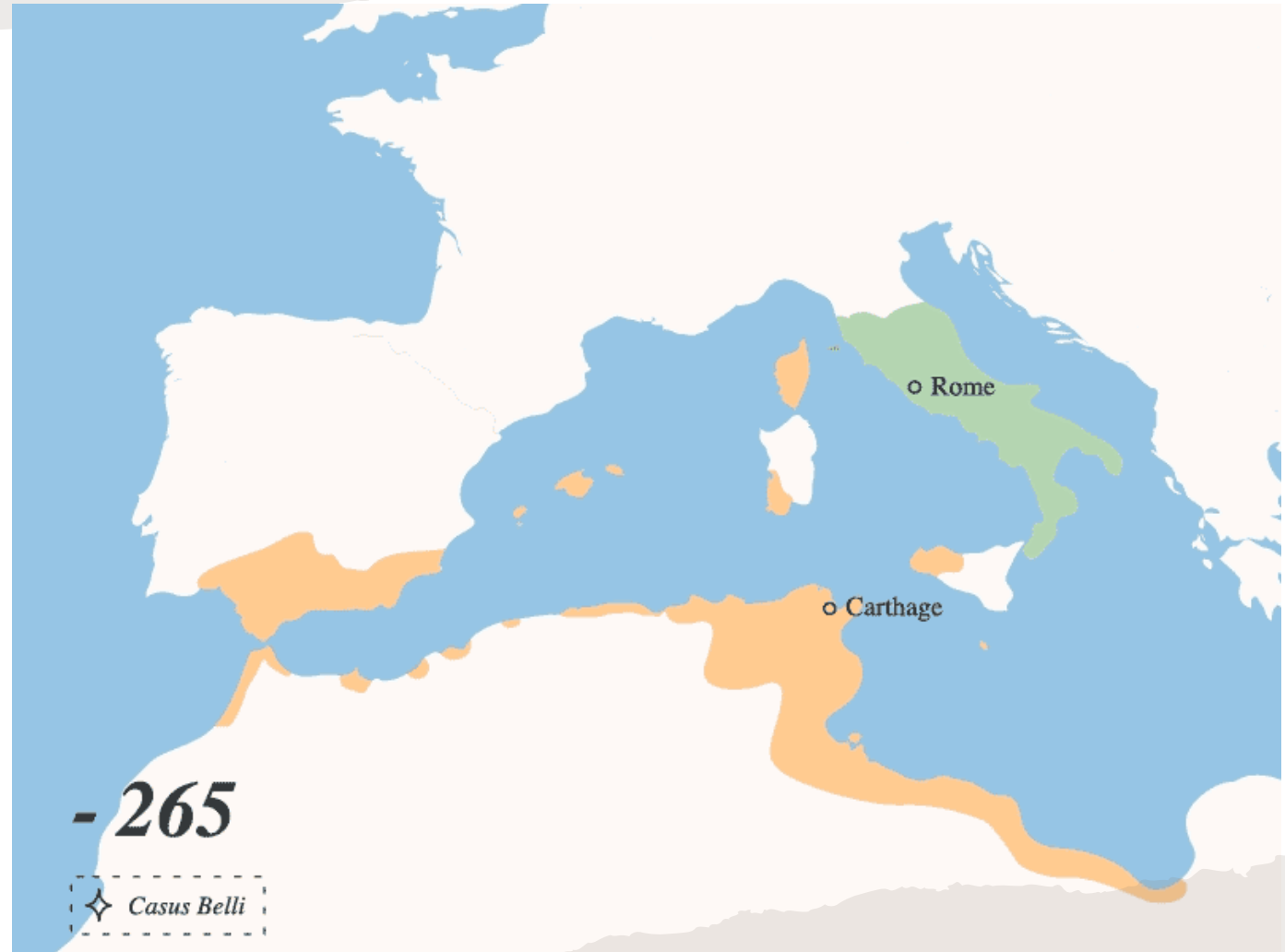
TRIBUNES AND THE GRACCHI BROTHERS

- Tribune = protector of the common people, could check the Senate's authority and was the only office open to the plebs (common people)
- Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus were brothers that tried to reform and redistribute land to the poor and working class, but they were eventually assassinated by the Optimates, the more conservative political party



ROMAN EXPANSION

- Rome was a growing power that began to spread its control outside of Italy
- Their main opposition was Carthage, which led to three wars known as the Punic Wars, but Rome eventually won



HANNIBAL AND THE ALPS

- Hannibal was the Carthaginian general in the 2nd Punic War, and was a fierce enemy of Rome
- He is famous for crossing the Alps with his army of 30,00 soldiers, their cavalry and even war elephants





ROMAN EXPANSION AFTER THE PUNIC WARS

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN

ANY QUESTIONS?