

Vocabulary	Meaning
luxury	great comfort or elegance, involving great expense
squalid	extremely dirty and unpleasant place, resulting from poverty or neglect
paterfamilias	a man is head of the household
materfamilias	a woman is head of the household
forum	location for important religious, political, social acts
basilica	large public building for business/legal matters
dome	rounded vaulted roof of structure, with circular base
republic	state where supreme power is held by those elected
senate	governing body of prominent members of society
province	country/region under control of Roman government
dictator	ruler with total power over a country, often with force
mob	large disorderly crowd, often violent/causing trouble
bread & circus	idea to calm people using food and entertainment
bribery	offering someone money or favour to do something
colosseum	amphitheater where gladiators fought wild animals
barbarian	a human perceived as either uncivilized or primitive
corrupt	Willing to act dishonestly for money or personal gain
civil war	war between citizens of the same country
mercenaries	soldiers who fight for any country/group for money

### Key knowledge – From Roman Republic to Roman Empire

The Roman Republic was a system of government based on representation for the people of Rome. At the head were 2 elected consuls, who were in charge of the army. The Senate was composed of Roman citizens, including judges, who took care of daily affairs. The Republic was plagued by civil wars. The Roman Empire was established later in 27 BCE, where an Emperor held almost all the power.

### Key knowledge – Julius Caesar



Julius Caesar was a prominent general and statesman who conquered Gaul then marched his army into Rome and defeated his main political rival, Pompey, becoming dictator in 45 BCE. A group of senators conspired and assassinated him, fearing he would become a tyrant. Caesar's nephew, Augustus, defeated the conspirators and established himself as the first Roman Emperor.

Caesar had gained popularity by staging elaborate games, sporting events and festivals, which entertained the people. Augustus began the system of bribery called 'bread and circuses'.

### History Timeline

753 BC

476 AD