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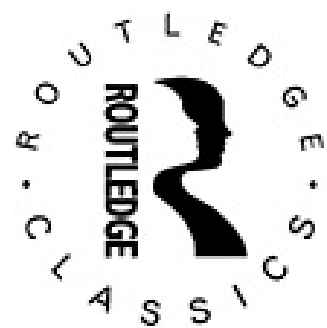
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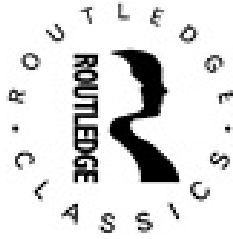
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- 61 The Senate opposes Pompey's *acta*; his triumph. Trial of Clodius. Caesar governor of Further Spain. Revolt of the Allobroges.

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60 Caesar returns from Spain; his agreement with Pompey and Crassus, the 'first triumvirate'

59 Caesar consul; carries legislation. Pompey marries Julia, Caesar's daughter. Caesar receives Cisalpine Gaul and Illyricum under *lex*

*Vatinia*; Senate adds Transalpine Gaul. Senate recognizes Ptolemy Auletes as king of Egypt

58 Tribune of Clodius: corn-law. Cicero exiled; Cato sent to Cyprus which is annexed. Caesar defeats Helvetii and Ariovistus. Ptolemy driven out of Alexandria

57 Rioting in Rome between Clodius and Milo. Return of Cicero (Sept.). Pompey concerned with food-supply. Caesar defeats Belgae and Nervii

56 Disagreement among the triumvirs. Cicero attacks Caesar's land-law. Conference at Luca (April). Cato returns from Cyprus. Caesar camp aigns against Veneti and Morini

55 Second consulship of Pompey and Crassus. The three triumvirs receive fresh commands. Caesar massacres Usipetes and Tencteri; bridges the Rhine; invades Britain

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53 Continued rioting in Rome; no consuls elected until July. Crassus defeated and killed by Parthians at Carrhae. Unrest in Gaul partly pacified by Caesar

52 Milo kills Clodius (Jan.). Pompey sole consul until August. Law of the Ten Tribunes. Revolt of central Gaul under Vercingetorix. Caesar repelled from Gergovia. Besieges Alesia; Vercingetorix surrenders

51 Optimate attacks on Caesar, who gains support of Curio. Revolt of Bellovaci; siege of Uxellodunum. Parthian invasion of Syria. Cicero sent as governor to Cilicia. Death of Ptolemy Auletes. Ptolemy XIII marries Cleopatra; joint rulers

50 Curio vetoes discussion of a successor to Caesar. Pompey ill during summer. Curio proposes that both Caesar and Pompey disarm: vetoed. Pompey asked by consul Marcellus to save the State (Nov.). Tribunes leave Rome. Caesar organizes Gaul and crosses the Rubicon into Italy

49 Civil War. Pompey crosses to Greece. Caesar, dictator I for eleven days, carries emergency legislation and goes to Spain where he defeats Pompeian forces at Ilerda. Surrender of Massilia. Curio defeated and killed in Africa

48 Caesar consul II. Disturbances in Italy; Milo killed. Caesar crosses to Greece: campaign of Dyrrachium; defeats Pompey at Pharsalus. Pompey murdered in Egypt. Caesar arrives in Egypt; Alexandrine War; Cleopatra queen. Pharnaces of Bosphorus defeats Domitius Calvinus in Pontus

47 Caesar dictator II (*in absentia*); Antony, his Master of Horse, tries to maintain order in Italy. Caesar defeats Pharnaces at Zela, settles the East and returns to Italy; quells a mutiny in Campania. He passes legislation on debt and sails against the Pompeian forces in Africa

46 Caesar defeats Pompeians at Thapsus; organizes Africa Nova. Suicide of Cato. Caesar, dictator II and consul III, returns to Rome and holds triumph. Legislation. Reform of calendar. Caesar leaves for Spain (Nov.)

45 Caesar, dictator III and consul IV, defeats Pompeians at Munda (March). Returns to Rome and receives exceptional honours

44 Caesar dictator IV (for life) and consul V. Refuses crown at Lupercalia. Conspiracy and murder of Caesar (15 March). Octavian returns from Greece. Antony receives command in Cisalpine and Transalpine Gaul. Cicero's first *Philippic* against Antony

43 Antony's siege of Mutina raised. Deaths of consuls Hirtius and Pansa. D. Brutus killed in Gaul. Octavian declared consul (Aug.). Triumvirate of Octavian, Antony and Lepidus (Nov.). Proscriptions: death of Cicero. M. Brutus in Macedonia, Cassius in Syria

42 Julius Caesar deified as Divus. Sextus Pompeius controls Sicily. Brutus and Cassius, defeated at Philippi, commit suicide (Oct.). Birth of emperor Tiberius

41 Perusine War in Italy. Antony in Asia Minor; meets Cleopatra and visits Alexandria

40 L. Antonius surrenders Perugia to Octavian. Agreement at Brundisium partitions the Roman world (Oct.). Antony marries Octavia. Parthians invade Syria. Herod recognized as king of Judaea by Senate. Virgil's *Fourth Eclogue*

39 Agreement at Misenum between Antony, Octavian and Sextus Pompeius. Ventidius defeats Parthians at Mt. Amanus

38 Octavian marries Livia (Jan.). Naval successes of Sextus Pompeius. Victory of Ventidius at Gindarus; Antony captures Samosata

37 Pact of Tarentum; triumvirate probably renewed. Herod and Sosius capture Jerusalem. Antony marries Cleopatra at Antioch. Amyntas made king of Galatia, and Polemo of Pontus; Archelaus succeeds in Cappadocia

36 Tribunician sacrosanctity granted to Octavian. Offensive against Sextus Pompeius who is defeated off Naulochus in Sicily. Lepidus ceases to be a triumvir. Antony fails to capture Phraaspa and retires through Armenia

- 35 Octavian campaigns in Illyria. Death of Sextus Pompeius
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- 32 Octavian justifies his acts to the Senate. Antony divorces Octavia. Octavian publishes Antony's will in Rome. Antony and Cleopatra winter (32–31) in Greece
- 31 Octavian consul III (and each year until 23); defeats Antony at Actium (Sept.) and winters in Asia
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- 27 Constitutional settlement. Octavian receives name of Augustus and *imperium* for ten years (Jan.). Triumph of Crassus. Augustus in Gaul and Spain until 25. The first Pantheon built by Agrippa
- 26 Disgrace and suicide of Cornelius Gallus. Arabian expedition of Aelius Gallus launched
- 25 Marriage of Julia and Marcellus. Varro defeats the Salassi. Tarraconensis organized as a province. Annexation of Galatia on death of Amyntas. Gallus in Arabia Felix. Success of C. Petronius in Ethiopian War (25–23)
- 23 Augustus ill. Conspiracy of Caepio and Murena. Constitutional resettlement. Augustus resigns consulship and receives *proconsulare imperium maius* and full tribunician powers. Death of Marcellus. Agrippa sent to East. Publication of first three books of Horace's *Odes*
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- 20 Parthia returns Roman standards. Tiberius enters Armenia and crowns Tigranes
- 19 Augustus returns to Rome. Arch of Augustus in Rome. Agrippa pacifies Spain. Cornelius Balbus campaigns against the Garamantes. Deaths of Virgil and Tibullus
- 18 Augustus' *imperium* renewed for five years. Agrippa co-regent with *imperium maius* and *tribunicia potestas*. *Leges Iuliae*. *Lectio Senatus*
- 17 Augustus adopts Gaius and Lucius, his grandsons. Ludi Saeculares celebrated; Horace's *Carmen Saeculare*
- 16–13 Augustus in Gaul
- 16 Agrippa in East. Noricum incorporated
- 15 Tiberius and Drusus defeat Raeti and Vindelici and reach Danube
- 14 Agrippa assigns Bosphoran kingdom to Polemo
- 13 Return of Augustus; renewal of his *imperium* for five years. Tiberius consul. Return of Agrippa. Death of Lepidus. Dedication of theatre of Marcellus. Vinicius campaigns in Pannonia
- 12 Augustus becomes Pontifex Maximus. Death of Agrippa. Tiberius in Pannonia. Drusus dedicates altar near Lugdunum and campaigns in Germany until 9
- 11 Tiberius divorces Agrippina and marries Agrippa's widow, Julia
- 9 Death of Drusus near the Elbe. Dedication of Ara Pacis in Rome
- 8 Augustus' *imperium* extended for ten years. Census. Deaths of Horace and Maecenas. Tiberius in Germany
- 7 Rome divided into fourteen *regiones*
- 6 Tiberius given *tribunicia potestas* for five years. He retires to Rhodes. Paphlagonia added to Galatia
- 5 Augustus' twelfth consulship. C. Caesar introduced to public life
- 4 Death of Herod the Great
- 2 Augustus consul for thirteenth time; becomes Pater Patriae. Exile of Julia. Dedication of temple of Mars Ultor

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1 C. Caesar in Syria  
2 Tiberius returns to Rome from Rhodes. Death of L. Caesar. C. Caesar settles Armenia  
3 Augustus' *imperium* renewed for ten years  
4 Death of C. Caesar in Lycia. Augustus adopts Tiberius who receives *tribunicia potestas* for ten years. Tiberius adopts Germanicus and goes to the German front. *Lex Aelia Sentia*  
5 Tiberius advances to the Elbe  
6 *Aerarium militare* and office of Praefectus Vigilum created. Revolt in Pannonia and Illyricum. Maroboduus recognized as king of the Marcomanni. Judaea made a province; assessment made by Sulpicius Quirinius, legate of Syria  
8 Claudius becomes an augur. Ovid banished. Pannonians surrender  
9 *Lex Papia Poppaea*. Revolt in Dalmatia crushed. Defeat of Varus by Arminius in Germany with loss of three legions  
12 Triumph of Tiberius  
13 Augustus' *imperium* renewed for ten years. Tiberius receives *tribunicia potestas* for ten years and proconsular *imperium* coordinate with that of Augustus  
14 Lustrum held. Death of Augustus (19 Aug.). Accession of Tiberius. Sejanus made a Praetorian Prefect. Legions in Pannonia and Germany

revolt. Drusus sent to crush mutiny in Pannonia. Germanicus crosses the Rhine against the Marsi  
15 Germanicus attacks the Chatti. Achaea and Macedonia transferred from the Senate to the *princeps* and attached to Moesia  
16 Libo Drusus accused; suicide. Germanicus again invades Germany; he is recalled  
17 Triumph of Germanicus. Cn. Piso legate of Syria. Earthquake in Asia Minor. Cappadocia and Commagene organized as imperial provinces. Revolt of Tacfarinas in Africa. Death of Livy  
18 Tiberius, consul III, with Germanicus. Germanicus in East. Armenia granted to Artaxias. Germanicus goes to Egypt  
19 Jews expelled from Rome. Arminius killed. Piso leaves Syria. Death of Germanicus at Antioch  
20 Trial and suicide of Piso  
21 Tiberius, consul IV, with his son Drusus. Tiberius retires for a time to Campania. Revolt of Florus and Sacrovir in Gaul. Trouble in Thrace  
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22 Castra Praetoria built in Rome  
22 Drusus granted tribunician power  
23 Death of Drusus  
24 Defeat and death of Tacfarinas in Africa  
25 Cremutius Cordus accused; suicide  
26 Trouble checked in Thrace. Pontius Pilate appointed prefect of Judaea  
27 Tiberius withdraws to Capreae  
28 Revolt of the Frisii  
29 Death of Livia. Banishment of Agrippina the elder  
30 Publication of the *History* of Velleius Paterculus  
31 Tiberius, consul V, with Sejanus. Gaius receives *toga virilis*. Sejanus put to death. Macro appointed Praetorian Prefect  
33 Death of Agrippina on island of Pandateria. Gaius quaestor. Financial difficulties in Rome. Possible date of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ  
34 Tetrachy of Philip incorporated into Syria  
36 Pontius Pilate sent to Rome by L. Vitellius, governor of Syria  
37 Death of Tiberius (16 March). Accession of Gaius (Caligula); he is consul with Claudius. Commagene reestablished as a client kingdom  
38 Death and deification of Drusilla. Jewish disturbances in Alexandria. Polemo II receives Pontus and Cotys Armenia Minor  
39 Gaius goes to the Rhine. Julia and Agrippina exiled  
40 Gaius' expedition to the Channel; returns to Rome. Ptolemy of Mauretania murdered in Rome; revolt in Mauretania. Jewish embassy from Alexandria to Rome. Agrippa I receives kingdom of Antipas. Judaea restless  
41 Gaius murdered (24 Jan.). Claudius made emperor. The Chauci

defeated. Claudius settles Alexandrian trouble. Agrippa I receives Judaea and Samaria. Exile of Seneca to Corsica

- 42 Revolt of Scribonianus in Dalmatia; his suicide. Mauretania organized as two provinces
- 43 ~~Expedition to Britain. Lycia made an imperial province~~
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- 44 Claudius' triumph over Britain. Achaea and Macedonia transferred to Senate. Death of Agrippa I; Judaea reverts to provincial status
- 46 Thrace made a province
- 47 Triumph of Aulus Plautius for conquest of Britain. Claudius and L. Vitellius censors. *Ludi Saeculares*. Corbulo campaigns against the Frisii. Ostorius Scapula in Britain
- 48 Messalina killed. Claudius marries Agrippina
- 49 Seneca recalled from Corsica and made praetor and Nero's tutor
- 50 Claudius adopts Nero as guardian for Britannicus. Agrippa II rules in Chalcis
- 51 Burrus made Praetorian Prefect. Vespasian consul. Caratacus defeated in Wales. Vologeses king of Parthia (or in 52). Gallio proconsul in Achaea (51–52)
- 53 Nero marries Octavia. Parthians occupy Armenia and Tiridates recovers the throne
- 54 Death of Claudius. Accession of Nero. Claudius deified
- 55 Britannicus poisoned. Pallas dismissed. Corbulo goes to the East
- 56 *Praefecti aerarii* replace *quaestores aerarii*
- 57 Nero orders senators and knights to take part in Games
- 58 Nero refuses perpetual consulship. Corbulo captures Artaxata
- 59 Nero murders Agrippina; establishes Greek Games. Corbulo takes Tigranocerta
- 60 Neronia established. Corbulo settles Armenia; governor of Syria. Festus succeeds Felix as governor of Judaea
- 61 Revolt of Boudicca and Iceni in Britain
- 62 Death of Burrus. Tigellinus made Praetorian Prefect. Seneca disgraced. Nero divorces Octavia and marries Poppaea. Octavia murdered. Paetus surrenders to the Parthians at Rhandeia
- 64 Great fire at Rome. Persecution of the Christians. Domus Aurea begun. Mission to Ethiopia. Cottian Alps made a province (64–65); Pontus incorporated into Galatia
- 65 Conspiracy of Piso. Suicides of Seneca and Lucan. Death of Poppaea. Musonius Rufus exiled
- 66 Nero crowns Tiridates king of Armenia in Rome and goes to Greece. Thrasea Paetus condemned. Conspiracy of Vinicius at Beneventum. Nero marries Statilia Messalina. Temple of Janus closed. Suicide of Petronius. Rebellion in Palestine
- 67 Nero at Corinthian canal. Corbulo ordered to commit suicide. Vespasian in command in Judaea; Josephus surrenders to him
- 68 Nero returns to Italy. Death of Nero (6 June). Galba, accepted by Senate and Praetorians, enters Rome (autumn). Verginius Rufus opposes Vindex's rebellion in Gaul. Defeat and death of Vindex. Vespasian attacks Jerusalem
- 69 After death of Galba and brief reigns of Otho and Vitellius, Vespasian becomes emperor and reaches Rome in the summer of 70



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