

THE HISTORICAL SCOPE OF THE AENEID

All dates are B.C. Certain early dates are quasi-historical and/or based on traditional stories.

- 1184 Sack of Troy, and flight of **Aeneas**
- Aeneas rules at Lavinium for 3 years
Ascanius Iulus rules for 30 years; founds Alba Longa
Kings of Alba Longa rule for 300 years
- 753 **Romulus** founds Rome
- 510 **L. Junius Brutus** leads rising against **Tarquin the Proud**, seventh and last King, to avenge the rape of Lucretia by his son. Monarchy replaced by Republic: Brutus is one of first pair of consuls
- 264-241 First war v Carthage (Punic War)
- 218-201 Second Punic War: **Hannibal** invades Italy, but is finally defeated by **Scipio Africanus the Elder** (Zama, 202)
- 168 **L. Aemilius Paullus** defeats Pyrrhus at Pydna, thereby crushing kingdom of Macedon
- 149-146 Third Punic War: **Scipio Africanus the Younger** destroys Carthage (146)
- 146 **L. Mummius** sacks Corinth: Rome has mastery over Greece
- 49 **Julius Caesar** crosses Rubicon: civil war v **Pompey the Great**
- 44 JC made *dictator for life*, but later assassinated.
- 31 **Octavian**, JC's adopted son and heir, defeats **Antony** and **Cleopatra** at Actium, to become master of Roman world
- 27 O restores state to control of SPQR. Granted title *Augustus*
- 23 Death of **Marcellus**, adopted son and heir of Augustus

Timeline of Augustus' Life

- 63 B.C. Augustus is born in 63 B.C. to Gaius Octavius and Atia, niece of Caesar. He isn't Augustus at the time, but Octavian.
- 48 B.C. Caesar wins the Battle of Pharsalus, defeating Pompey, who flees to Egypt where he is killed.
On October 18 - Octavian (young Augustus) puts on the *toga virilis*: Octavian is officially a man.
- 45 B.C. Octavian accompanies Caesar to Spain for the Battle of Munda.
- 44 B.C. March 15 - Caesar is assassinated. Octavian is adopted in Caesar's will.
- 43 B.C. August 19 - Adoption of Octavian (young Augustus) by Caesar is officially acknowledged. Octavian becomes Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus.
November 27 - Second triumvirate. Proscriptions of at least 100 senators, including the execution of Cicero.
- 42 B.C. January 1 - Caesar is deified and Octavian becomes the son of a god.
October 23 - Battle of Philippi - Antony and Octavian avenge Caesar's assassination.
- 39 B.C. Octavian marries Scribonia, the daughter of Sextus Pompeius, with whom he has a daughter, Julia.
- 38 B.C. Octavian divorces Scribonia and marries Livia.
- 37 B.C. Antony marries Cleopatra.
- 36 B.C. Octavian defeats Sextus Pompey at Naulochus, in Sicily. Lepidus is removed from the Triumvirate. This puts the power into the hands of two men, Antony and Octavian.
- 34 B.C. Antony divorces Octavian's sister.
- 32 B.C. Rome declares war on Egypt and puts Octavian in charge.
- 31 B.C. With the help of Agrippa, Octavian defeats Antony at Actium.
- 30 B.C. Cleopatra and Antony commit suicide.
- 29 B.C. Octavian celebrates a triumph in Rome.
- 27 B.C. January 16 - Octavian receives the title Augustus. Augustus receives proconsular power in Spain, Gaul, Syria and Egypt.
- 25 B.C. Augustus' daughter Julia marries Marcellus (Octavia's son).
- 23 B.C. Augustus receives *imperium maius* and *tribunicia potestas*. These give power over magistrates and the veto.

Marcellus dies. Augustus has Agrippa divorce his wife to marry Julia. Julia and Agrippa have 5 children: Gaius, Lucius, Postumus, Agrippina and Julia.

- 22-19 Augustus travels to the East. Augustus is initiated into the Mysteries of Eleusis, and recovers Roman standards captured by the Parthians.
- 17 B.C. Augustus adopts Gaius and Lucius
Augustus legislates marriage laws (*lex Iulia de ordinibus maritandis*)
May 31 - June 3 - Augustus celebrates the Ludi Saeculares.
- 13 B.C. Agrippa becomes virtual co-emperor, then goes to Pannonia where he becomes ill.
- 12 B.C. Agrippa dies. Augustus forces his stepson Tiberius to divorce his wife in order to marry Julia.
March 6 - Augustus becomes Pontifex Maximus.
- 5 B.C. January 1 - Gaius is presented as Augustus' heir.
- 2 B.C. January 1 - Augustus becomes *pater patriae*, father of his country.
Julia is involved in scandals and Augustus exiles his own daughter.
- 4 A.D. Augustus adopts Tiberius and Tiberius adopts Germanicus.
- 9 A.D. Teutoburger Wald disaster - Varus suffers a crushing defeat at the hands of Germanic tribes.
- 13 A.D. April 3 - Tiberius becomes virtual co-emperor.
- 14 A.D. Augustus dies.