

AUGUSTUS

Octavian: The Road to Power

49 Civil War (Caesar vs. Pompey)

44 Assassination of Caesar on Ides of March by Brutus, Cassius, etc.

Octavian Caesar's heir & adopted son

43 "Second" Triumvirate appointed (Octavian, Antony, Lepidus)

42 Philippi: Triumvirs defeat Brutus/Cassius

40 Brief thaw: Antony marries Octavia

36 Triumvirs defeat Sextus Pompey

33 Triumvirs' power expires; war looms

31 Actium: Octavian defeats Antony/Cleo.

27 Octavian "restores" Republic

Octavian's Constitutional Position

- Controls army, Praetorian Guard (27 -)
- Consul 13x with others
- Authority of tribune (23 -)
- Consular & censorial authority
- Titles
 - Augustus ("he who is revered")
 - princeps ("first citizen") -> "principate"
 - pater patriae ("father of his country")

