# Who Were the Romans Anyway?

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## How do we picture Romans?

Little Caesars?



Credit: littlecaesars.com

## How do we picture the Irish?





Clients?
Auxiliaries?
Caracalla (212):

Constitutio Antoniana?

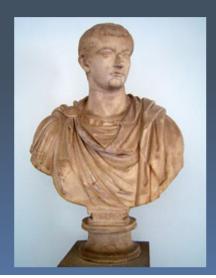


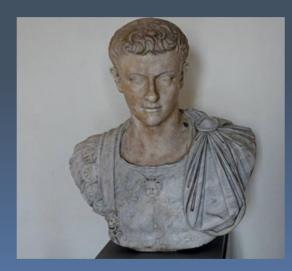
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## Let's start at the top

Julio-Claudian Emperors (27 BC - 69 AD) - Italy
Augustus Tiberius Caligula



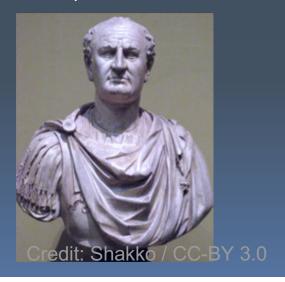




## Two dynasties, low diversity

Flavian Emperors (69 AD - 96 AD) - Italy

Vespasian





Domitian



## Finally to the Provinces! Spain!

Antonine Dynasty (96-192 AD)

Trajan





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#### On to Africa and the Near East!

Severan Dynasty (193-235 AD)

Septimius Severus



Elagabalus



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Julia Domna





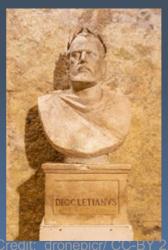
#### More Near East and the Balkans!

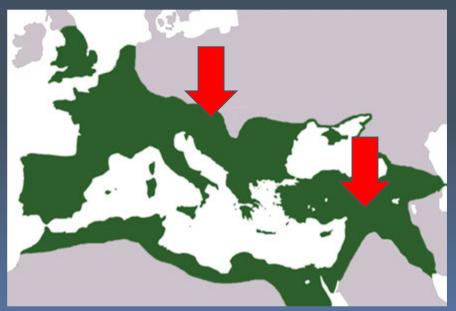
Philip the Arab (244-49 AD) - Shahba, Syria Diocletian (284 - 305 AD) - Dalmatia - Croatia Valentinian (364-78 AD) - Pannonia - modern Balkans

Philip the Arab



Diocletian





Let's Start at the beginning

Mythology:

Memnon & Andromeda

Ethiopia



## 2nd Punic Wars & Octavian vs. Antony and Cleopatra

Masinissa (King of Numidia)



Juba II (King of Mauretania)



### **Ecclesiastical Writers**

Perpetua and Felicity (Early 200s, Carthage)





Credit: Q. Finnegan, Quotidian Quintillian, Accessed April 5, 202

#### More Berbers!

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD, Carthage)



## Playwrights!

Publius Terentius Afer (fl. 170-160 BC)

Phoenecian? Berber?



#### **Ancient Novelists**

Lucius Apuleius Madaurensis (c. 124-170 AD, Numidia)



## Fayum Portraits: Thousands of People We Can't Name!





