

History Practice

1. What man was forced to pass under the yoke as punishment instead of being killed in the monarchy because he killed his sister when she mourned for one of the Curiatii triplets?

Publius Horatius

B1. Under what Roman king did this duel between triplets occur?

Tullus Hostilius

B2. How did this king die after improperly sacrificing to Jupiter Elicius?

His house was struck by lightning

2. Which Roman king was killed by an axe blow to the head because the sons of Ancus Marcius his predecessor, believed that the throne was theirs.

Tarquinius Superbus

B1. What animal, pulled off this king's hat and put it back, which signified that he would become king?

Eagle

B2. What was Tarquinius Priscus originally named?

Lucomus

3. Which man in the early republic was mourned for an entire year because he was loved so much by the people, he tried to build his house on the Velian hill and eventually built it at the bottom

Poplicola

B1. This man was so popular that he became consul quite a few times, how many times in total was he consul?

4

B2. What does the name Poplicola mean?

Friend of the people

4. Which Roman emperor brought Rome to its greatest territorial extent in the year 117 A.D?

Trajan

B1. What province did this emperor famously win at the battle of Tapae causing its king to kill himself?

Decebalus

B2. What was the capital of the province in which the Dacian king, Decebalus committed suicide?

Sarmizegethusa

5. Which Roman king was originally called Mastarna and introduced coinage to Rome?

Servius Tullius

B1. What defensive structure was supposedly built during his reign?

A wall

B2. What is the name of the slave woman who was the mother of Servius Tullius?

Ocrisia

6. Which Roman king was supposedly born on the day Rome was founded but was more famously known for bringing Rome its religious ceremonies?

Numa Pompilius

B1. With what nymph did Numa Pompilius receive advice?

Egeria

B2. Who was Numa Pompilius' grandson, also a king of Rome?

Ancus Marcius

7. The Roman emperors Trajan, Marcus Aurelius, Septimius Severus, Carus, and finally Galerius all sacked what Parthian city?

Ctesiphon

B1. Which Roman emperor sacked the city in 283 A.D?

Carus

B2. Which of the emperors listed in the tossup also sacked Byzantium so brutally that it was nearly demolished?

Septimius Severus

8. What battle in of the second punic war in which Hannibal used a double encirclement tactic, occurred in 216 B.C and caused the thousands Romans to beg for mercy and try to suffocate themselves?

Cannae

B1. What man was appointed dictator after this military disaster and was called "the delayer"?

Cunctator

B2. Which of the two consuls of that battle died?

Aemilius Paullus

9. Which of the Julio Claudian emperors killed his step-brother Britannicus, persecuted the Christians, participated in the olympic games, and was finally killed in the year 68 A.D?

Nero

B1. Nero had a reputation for disrespecting people, this did not exclude his wives, name the wife of Nero whom he kicked to death while she was Pregnant?

Poppaea Sabina

B2. Which emperor 69 A.D did Nero force to give up Poppaea Sabina so he could marry her?

Otho

10. Which Roman monarch adopted the ius fetiale, a way of declaring war, and built a bridge over the Tiber river?

Ancus Marcius

B1. What latin city, deriving from the word for mouth was established as a salt water port under Ancus Marcius' reign?

Ostia

B2. What was the name of the first prison which he also built?

Tullianum/Mamertine Prison

11. Give the name of the festival at which the Romans kidnapped the Sabine women causing a huge commotion and breaking the peace between the two cities.

Consualia

B1. After this the Sabines and Romans were about to go to battle when the Roman's new wives stepped in the way of them because they did not want to lose their new husbands or their fathers, name the wife of Romulus who led these women?

Hersilia

B2. With what Sabine king did Romulus Co-rule?

Titus Tatius

12. Whom did Romulus slay in battle in order to receive the first spolia Opima?

Acron (of Caenina)

B1. To what god did Romulus offer these spoils?

Jupiter Feretrius

B2. What was the name of the year in between kings when Romulus died and there was no other monarch?

Interregnum

13. Which general of Marcus Aurelius, on false accounts of his death, tried to usurp the throne with his wife, Faustina?

Avidius Cassius

B1. With whom did Marcus Aurelius Co-rule until he died in 169 A.D?

Lucius Verus

B2. Name the son of Marcus Aurelius who brought the reign of the 5 good emperors to an end and was also famously the Roman emperor in the movie, the Gladiator.

Commodus

14. Which Roman king bought only three of the sybilline books after the other 6 burned down, and had his daughter marry the latin war general, Octavius Mamilius of Tusculum?

Tarquinius Superbus

B1. What was the name of the sewer system which he completed?

Cloaca Maxima

B2. Name his son who raped Lucretia essentially bringing an end to the republic.

Sextus Tarquinius

15. Which 2 Roman kings were of Sabine origin?

Numa Pompilius and Ancus Marcius

B1. Which three Roman kings were of etruscan origin?

Tarquinius Priscus, Servius Tullius, and Tarquinius Superbus

B2. Which 2 roman kings died of Natural causes?

Ancus Marcius and Numa Pompilius