

Gaius Julius Caesar

Early life: He was born 100 B.C and Died 44 B.C. He was a great military general who conquered many distant lands, such as Gaul.

Personal Life: Caesar had three wives throughout his life and had an affair with the Egyptian Empress Cleopatra (They had a child together named Caesarion, which means “Little Caesar”).

Famous phrase: **“Veni, Vedi, Veci” (I came, I saw, I conquered)**

Religious views: He believed in Roman God’s. He even claimed that he was related to Venus (goddess of love and beauty).

Caesar had many enemies, they mostly were in the Senate. His arch rival was named Pompey. He was a senator who did not like how much power Caesar had. Sixty senators were involved in Caesar’s death which was led by Marcus Brutus and Gaius Cassius. They concealed their daggers in their togas and stabbed him 23 times.

Marc Antony, Caesar’s best friend tried to warn him of the assignation plot but did not tell Caesar in time. Caesar was warned of the danger but refused a body guard.

Augustus Caesar is one of the most popular leaders in History. He brought the Roman Empire to its “Golden Age” and left a great impact to civilization. Roman civilization is still evident anywhere else in the world.

- 1.) Augustus Caesar was born Gaius Octavius Thurinus on September 23, 63 BC
- 2.) It was during his reign as Roman Emperor that Jesus Christ was born.
- 3.) Augustus Caesar is regarded as the first Roman Emperor although he was never proclaimed as such.
- 4.) As adoptive son of Julius Caesar, he was called Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus and later Gaius Julius Caesar Augustus
- 5.) Augustus Caesar, as described by historians, was unusually handsome.
- 6.) When Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BCE, Octavianus was only 18 years of age.
- 7.) He defeated Julius Caesar’s murderers in the Battle of Philippi in 42 BCE.
- 8.) Mark Anthony deserted Octavia for Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt, thus Octavian and Mark Anthony became bitter enemies.
- 9.) The combined forces of Cleopatra and Mark Anthony were defeated by Octavius at the Battle of Actium in 31 BCE.
- 10.) By 29 BCE, Octavius is the sole ruler of the Roman Empire.
- 11.) The Roman Senate awarded him permanently the title ‘Imperatur’ (Emperor) or Commander-in-Chief.
- 12.) **“I found Rome a city of bricks and I left it a city of marbles” is a popular statement uttered by Augustus Caesar.**
- 13.) His reign is known as the ‘Augustan Age’ – the Golden Age of Roman architecture and literature.
- 14.) He died at the age of 75 on August 19, 14 CE and was succeeded by his adopted and stepson, Tiberius