

# Late Republic to Empire

# Terms

- Factional politics
  - *Populares, Optimates*
- Client armies
- Sulla
- Pompey the Great
- Crassus
- Julius Caesar
- First Triumvirate
- Augustus (Octavian)
- Mark Anthony
- Second Triumvirate
- Roman Army

# Empire

- *Imperium domi*
- *Imperium militiae*

# Factional Politics

- Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus
  - Tribunes between 133 and 122 BCE
- Factional politics
  - *Populares* – supporters of the people
  - *Optimates* – supporters of “the best”
  - In between the two -> the mob

# General-Leaders

- Gaius Marius
  - Consul 107 BCE
  - Client armies
- Sulla
  - Supported aristocratic rule
  - Social War 91-89 BCE
  - Defeated invading kingdom – Pontus 85 BCE
- Pompey
  - Defeats slave rebellion led by Spartacus – 71 BCE
  - Defeat Pontus again, 66 BCE
  - Take-over of Seleucid

# First Triumvirate

- Julius Caesar
- Pompey the Great
- Crassus
- 54 BCE – relations between three deteriorate again, fully dissolved by 52 BCE
- Pompey flees to Egypt
- Caesar invades Egypt – restores Cleopatra to the throne in Egypt

# Julius Caesar

- 45 BCE – Civil war has ended
- 44 BCE – continue as dictator with no end date
- 44 BCE – killed on Ides of March
- Heir- Octavian ( 63BCE- 14CE)
- Favorite general – Mark Antony
  - Falls in 31 BCE – Battle of Actium

# Octavian to Augustus

- Titles (Post 31 BCE)
  - *Princeps* - First Citizen
  - Proconsular Imperium
  - Consul militae
  - Augustus 27 BCE
- Fiscal Reforms
  - Praetors with 10 year experience to control the treasury
  - Military Retirement plan
  - Control of finances taken from the senate

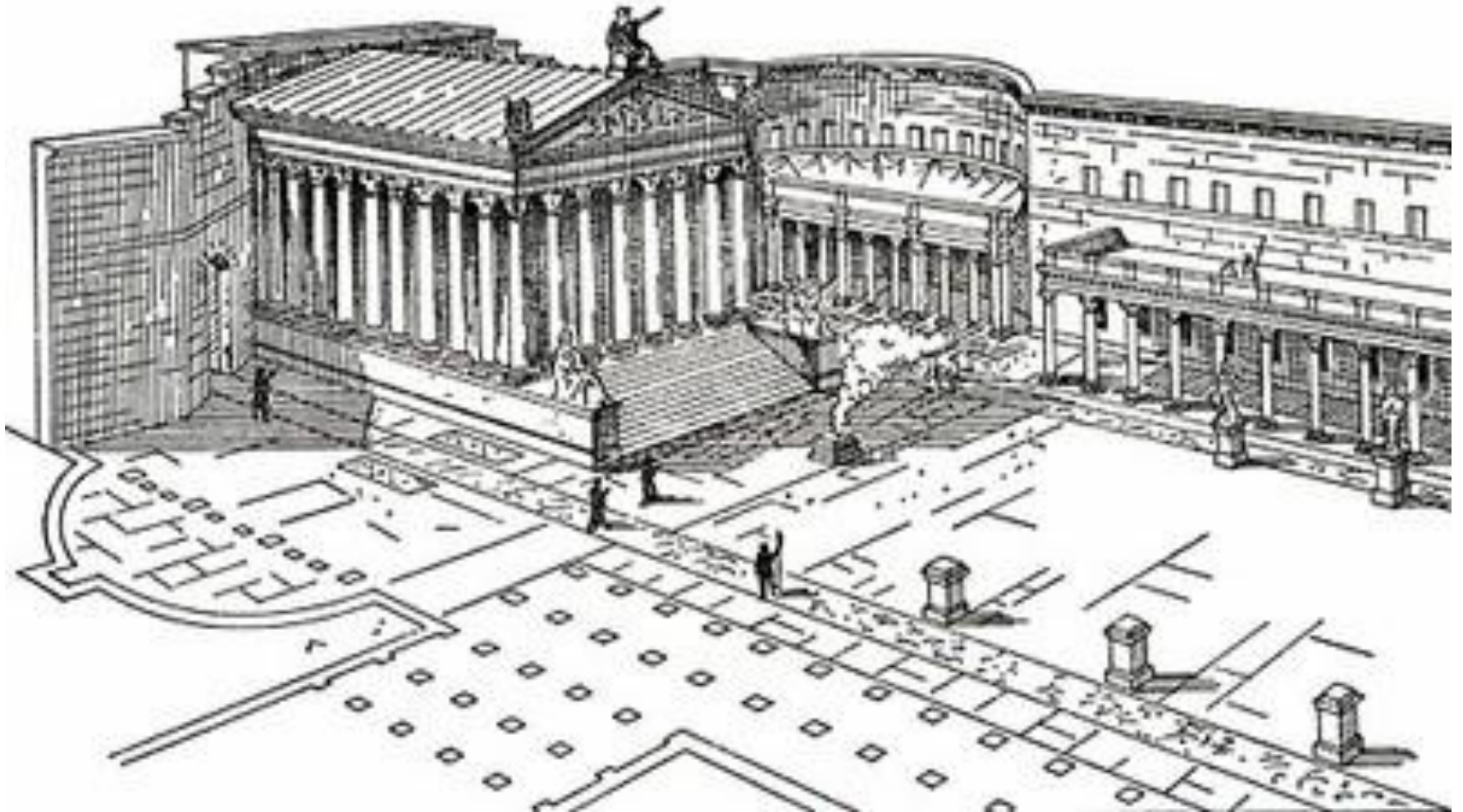


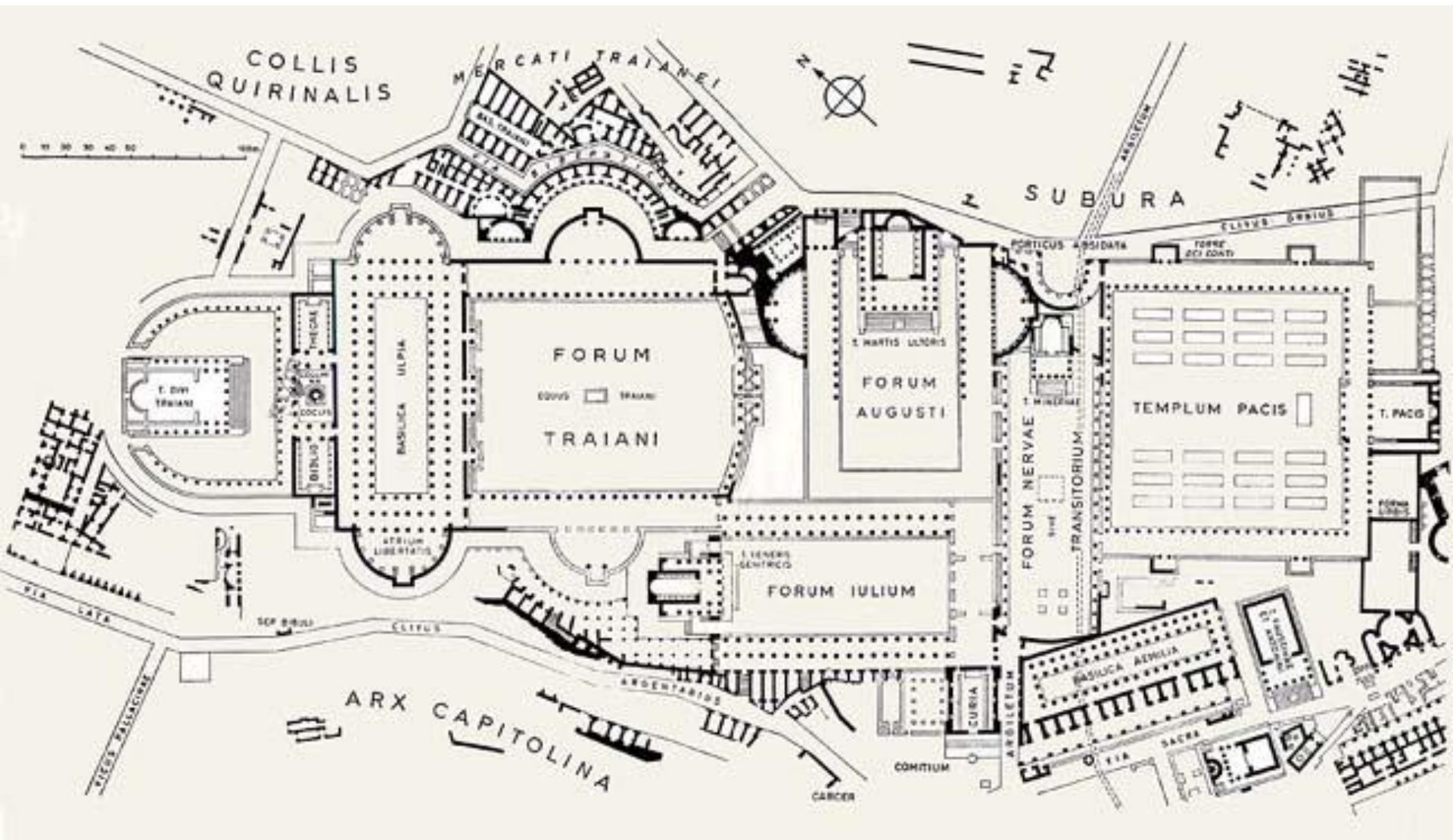
# Augustus and Rome

- Building projects
  - [Earth.google.com/rome](http://Earth.google.com/rome) - if you want to see a 3D recreation of Ancient Rome.
- Reorganization of Rome into districts
- Cult of Caesar Augustus
  - *The Aeneid* by Virgil
- The *Pax Romana* – approx. 200 years
  - A time of prosperity in agriculture and trade for both Rome and its provinces, allowing for a Roman Peace.

# Augustinian Building Projects:

Forum of Augustus – annexed to the old roman forum – which housed the senate house, public temples, and a colonnade hall for judicial sessions. It also had a temple to Julius Caesar and the Forum of Caesar as well.





# Roman Army

- Legions -> Infantry units of 5000 men
  - Divided into ten cohorts
    - Each cohort divided into six centuries led by junior officers
- Auxiliary Units –non-romans
  - Cohorts of 500-1000 men
  - Received citizenship after 20 years of service



# Roman Army contd.

- Short sword (Gladius) and shield
- Heavy javelin
- Professionalism
- Construction of roads



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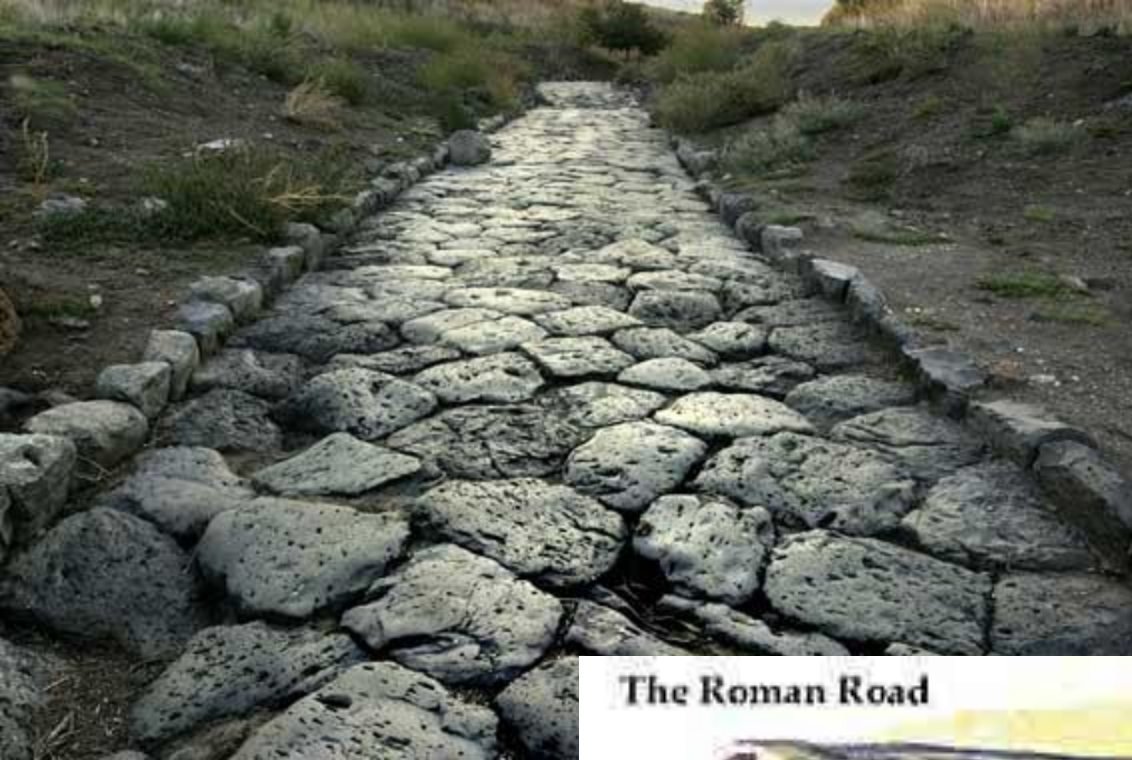


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