

ANCIENT ROME CHANT

Language: Latin was the language

Founders: Twin brothers—Remus and Romulus

Is that true?

Well, so says the myth—but who knows?

Famous for:

- their good roads (lots of them)
- their aqueducts (slosh, splash)
- their huge buildings (like the Colosseum)

Punic Wars—Carthage against Rome (*and Rome against Carthage*)

- Hannibal—elephants over Alps (shiver, shiver, “Surprise!”)

(Remember he was a North African general.)

Toga—clothing worn by (prestigious) Roman men

July—I mean **Julius Caesar**—

- said, “Veni, Vidi, Vici!” “I came, I saw, I conquered!”
- c—r—o—s—s—e—d (*think, think*), **crossed** the Rubicon
- became ruler of Rome——— “NO, NO, NO!”

Ay! Beware the Ides of March!

“You too, Brutus?”

“I, Mark Antony, will now take over in Rome. ‘Course I’ll have to fight off Octavian.”

Cleopatra

- Queen of Egypt
- Ally of Julius Caesar
- Wife of Mark Antony

August—I mean Caesar Augustus—

- “And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus (*that was Octavian, you know*) that all the (*Roman*) world should be taxed . . . ”
- That’s when Jesus was born!

The Colosseum—

a huge stadium used for “free” public entertainment (called “games”)

Mt. Vesuvius . . . Pompeii