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476 AD: Roman Empire Falls!

44 BCE

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100 CE

200 CE

300 CE

400 CE

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Nero

- Friendly emperor (at first)
- Loved the arts and performances
- Went crazy?
  - Killed many (mom), sang during Great Fire, blamed Christians (killed, tortured, commits suicide)

Augustus

- First emperor
- Adopted by Julius Caesar
- Best emperor ever!
- Built aqueducts, roads

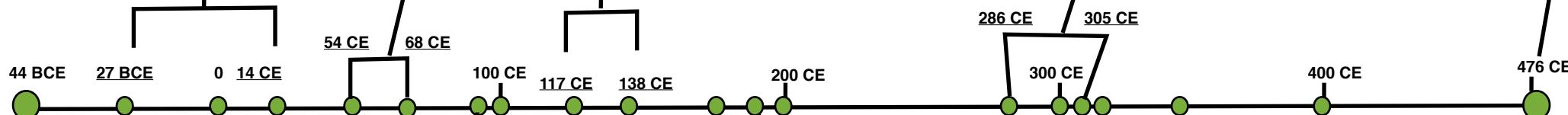
Hadrian

- constructed "Hadrian's Wall" in Britain to secure border from invasions
- peaceful ruler; abandoned expansionist policies of Trajan
- best educated of all emperors
- loved Greek architecture, built Pantheon

Diocletian

- divided empire into 2 halves to better administer it
- persecuted Christians heavily
  - ordered crucifixions, beheadings, fed to lions

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Jesus's Birth

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Trajan

- first non-Italian emperor (born in Spain)
- expansionist emperor
- expanded Rome to its largest size
- nicknamed "Optimus" or the "best"
- created cash accounts to help poor children
- educated orphans
- assisted poor farmers
- returned confiscated property

Commodus

- son of a great ruler
- loved gladiator games
  - personally fought in some
- ordered all cripples, hunchbacks, undesirables to be rounded up and fought to death
- twisted? loved killing animals, killed 100 lions in one day

Constantine

- first Christian emperor
- made Christianity official religion (huge - just came from emperor who persecuted them!)
- Moved capital to Byzantium (renamed Constantinople)
  - better trade location
  - beginning of fall of Western Roman Empire