

RELIGION

- ▶ Priest collegium - (co leges)
 - ▶ Pontifices supervised sacrifices, ceremonies and **calendars**. Collegium Pontificum. Pontifex Maximus.
 - ▶ Augurs observed and recorded unnatural incidents (auspicia oblativa) and watched birds (auspicia imperativa - per request).
 - ▶ Sibyls were oracles interpreting ancient scripts. When to make major sacrifices, e.g. human burials in 228 BCE, 216 BCE, 214 BCE to avert Gaul invasions.



POLITICAL TIMELINE

- ▶ Founded: 753 BCE
- ▶ Kingdom: 753 BCE - 509 BCE > 244 years
- ▶ Republic: 509 BCE - 27 BCE > 482 years
- ▶ Empire (Western): 27 BCE - 476 CE > 503 years