1. The Etruscans

* The mysterious people whose language has never been deciphered
* major Mediterranean trading power
* last king of Rome was an Etruscan
* played key role in building Rome to a true city

1. Roman citizenship

* Majority of military had no citizenship rights
* Only the citizens had the rights to make any changes

1. Julius Caesar

* The Roman general who played the key role in the rise of Roman empire
* A military general who conquered the vast region of Gaul

1. Augustus

* Known as one of the most successful leaders of Rome
* Another key person in the rise of Roman empire from Roman republic
* Also known for changing every aspect of Roman life, or in other words, brought peace and prosperity to Rome during his reign

1. Diocletian

* Roman emperor who ruled for more than 20 years
* Brought stability, security, and tried to bring efficient government to the Roman state
* Split his empire into two parts, as he understood that Rome was far too big to be ruled by only one person

1. Constantine

* The first Roman emperor to claim conversion to Christianity
* emerged victorious in a series of civil wars against different emperors
* served for Diocletian as a soldier