

WU3A Classical History Christmas Quiz

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Introduction

- ▶ 30 questions
- ▶ Mostly Roman, some Greek
- ▶ No prizes, other than satisfaction
- ▶ No conferring!
- ▶ Many answers from recent talks
- ▶ Questions, break, answers + discuss

First emperor of Rome?

Date of the founding of Rome?

Two main players in the Peloponnesian War?

First Roman emperor who converted to Christianity?

Rome's enemy in the Punic Wars?

Caesar born by caesarian?

Caesar's last words?

Region of Greece which contained the city of Athens?

Whose face is said to have launched a thousand ships?

Who wrote the Natural History (Naturalis Historia)?

How many labours did Hercules have?

Who should you beware of bearing gifts?

At what age did Alexander the Great die?

Cicero's full name?

Members of the first triumvirate?

Members of the second triumvirate?

What was the tetrarchy?

Two walls marked the boundary of Roman Britain?

Other name for the Eastern Roman Empire?

Where in Greece would you find the most famous Oracle?

What did the Romans call France and Spain?

Who was the king of the Greek gods?

Which general crossed the Alps with elephants?

How many hills were in Rome?

Which emperor 'fiddled while Rome burned'?

Who gave Pompey the title 'The Great'?

Who composed the Iliad and Odyssey?

Who wrote a series of Parallel Lives?

Who wrote The Civil War?

Which Thracian gladiator led a revolt against Rome?