

2008 FJCL State Latin Forum History of the Empire

All dates are AD unless otherwise marked.

- Who was the last emperor to be deified after his death?
a. Constantine b. Galerius c. Diocletian d. Claudius Gothicus
- In what year did the Masada finally fall to Roman forces?
a. 74 b. 70 c. 69 d. 79
- How many men held the title of emperor in 69?
a. 2 b. 6 c. 3 d. 4
- Who was the only Julio-Claudian emperor to hold the office of censor so that he could revise the Senate lists?
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Caligula d. Claudius
- By whom was Caligula assassinated?
a. Cassius Chaerea b. Narcissus c. Macro d. Otho
- Which of these was a prominent reason for the popular resentment of the Flavians?
a. failure to respond to disasters b. heavy taxation
c. extension of citizenship to foreigners d. poor defense of the borders
- In what year did Diocletian abdicated?
a. 308 b. 305 c. 293 d. 285
- Which emperor other than Nero had the dubious distinction of having to deal with a great fire in Rome?
a. Domitian b. Hadrian c. Titus d. Caligula
- By whom was Britain annexed as a province?
a. Augustus b. Tiberius c. Caligula d. Claudius
- Elagabalus introduced the worship of the Syrian god Elagabal to Rome. What was Elagabal god of?
a. the harvest b. wisdom c. the sun d. war
- In what year was Constantinople founded on Nov. 8?
a. 308 b. 312 c. 324 d. 337
- Who was the tetrarch who repented his persecution of Christians right before his death and passed laws helping them regain their property?
a. Licinius I b. Galerius c. Maximinus Daia d. Diocletian
- Which of these was Diocletian's original name?
a. Diocles b. Bassianus c. Postumus d. Decius

14. Constantine divorced Minervina and married what daughter of Maximian to cement their relationship?
a. Galeria b. Flavia Domitilla c. Helena d. Fausta
15. Under which emperor did the Roman Empire reach its greatest territorial extent?
a. Trajan b. Hadrian c. Augustus d. Aurelian
16. For victories over which people did Domitian received the cognomen “Germanicus”?
a. lazyges b. Dacians c. Teutones d. Chatti
17. Which two emperors ruled the West under the 1st Tetrarchy?
a. Diocletian & Galerius b. Maximian & Maximinus Daia
c. Diocletian & Severus d. Maximian & Constantius Chlorus
18. Which Roman general masterminded Claudius’ invasion of Britain?
a. Suetonius Paulinus b. Flavius Vespasianus
c. Aulus Plautius d. Petillius Cerialis
19. What was the name of the love of Titus’s life whom his father forbade him to marry or even live with?
a. Berenice b. Caenis c. Phyllis d. Herodias
20. Who was the first man of equestrian rank to become emperor?
a. Hadrian b. Otho c. Vespasian d. Aurelian
21. Why was Nerva imprisoned by the Praetorian Guard?
a. they wanted him to hand over Domitian’s assassins b. they wanted a pay raise
c. they wanted to kill him d. they wanted him to adopt Trajan
22. Trajan brought his Dacian war to a close with the capture of which capital city?
a. Sarmizegetusa b. Ctesiphon c. Tapae d. Eboracum
23. Hadrian abandoned Trajan’s conquests in Armenia and Mesopotamia and established what river as Rome’s eastern boundary?
a. Tigris b. Euphrates c. Orontes d. Halys
24. Who was Hadrian’s first choice as heir to his throne?
a. L. Ceionius Commodus b. L. Julius Ursus Servianus
c. Antinous d. Antoninus Pius
25. Soon after he bought the empire at auction, Didius Julianus was presented with three rival claimants for the throne. Which of these was NOT one of them?
a. Clodius Albinus b. Septimius Severus c. Pescennius Niger d. Pertinax
26. What daughter of the high priest of Elagabal married Septimius Severus?
a. Julia Mamaea b. Julia Maesa c. Julia Domna d. Julia Soaemias

40. To which island did Tiberius retire to the island for the last ten years of his reign, dying without making his choice of successor clear?
- a. Rhodes b. Sicily c. Capri d. Corsica
41. The reign of Alexander Severus began with the joint regency of which two people?
- a. Julia Mamaea and Julia Maesa b. Julia Mamaea and Julia Soaemias
c. Julia Maesa and Valerius Comazon d. Valerius Comazon and Domitius Ulpianus
42. Zenobia, who was defeated by Aurelian, was acting in her rebellion as regent for what son of hers?
- a. Odaenathus b. Vindex c. Vallabathus d. Prasutagus
43. Which emperor forbade all pagan worship and closed all pagan temples in 391 AD?
- a. Theodosius I b. Constantine c. Arcadius d. Theodosius II
44. In what year did the Vandals capture Rome and take the empress Licinia Eudoxia captive?
- a. 410 b. 455 c. 476 d. 378
45. Who was The first husband of Galla Placidia, the daughter of Theodosius II?
- a. Attila b. Olybrius c. Ricimer d. Ataulf
46. By whom was the capital of the Western Empire moved from Milan to Ravenna?
- a. Honorius b. Romulus Augustulus
c. Marcian d. Theodosius II
47. Valerian was captured by Shapur I during the treacherous negotiations at Edessa in what year?
- a. 253 b. 268 c. 260 d. 284
48. What city was renamed *Aelia Capitolina* by Hadrian?
- a. Antioch b. Jerusalem c. Alexandria d. Emes
49. What emperor presided over the 1000th anniversary of Rome with “Secular Games”?
- a. Trebonianus Gallus b. Severus Alexander c. Philip the Arab d. Sulpicianus
50. Which emperor was slain by his own troops in October 253, causing the bridge near which he was killed to be renamed the *Pons Sanguinarius*?
- a. Aemilius Aemilianus b. Quintillus
c. Gallienus d. Procopius