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| **Date** | **Event** | **The Story** |
| 753 BCE | The founding of Rome | On 21 April, brothers **Romulus** and **Remus** found Rome; Romulus kills Remus to become the first king and names the city after himself. |
| ? | The Republic begins | After the last of seven kings, Rome begins the **Republic** period during which it is ruled by senators and has a constitution. |
| ?-? | Punic Wars | Hannibal of Carthage attacks Rome and invades Italy during the Second Punic War |
| 45 BCE | **Julius Caesar**becomes a dictator | ??? Why was this important??? What happened??? |
| ? | The death of Julius Caesar | On 15 March, known today as the Ides of March, Caesar is assassinated on the steps of the Senate by factions wishing to bring back the Republic. |
| 27 BCE | Roman Empire begins | Even though Caesar was a dictator, the first leader to call himself ''Emperor'' or **Augustus** was Octavius. |
| ? | The Great Fire of Rome | Most of the city was destroyed in a vast fire. Emperor Nero has often been blamed, but modern scholarship doubts this. |
| 306 CE | **Constantine**becomes emperor | ??? Why was this important??? What happened??? |
| ? | Christianity becomes the official religion | This will have an effect on the rest of European history to the present day. |
| ? | Rome splits | In an effort to make administration of the vast empire easier, Rome becomes two separate empires (Western Roman Empire and Eastern Roman Empire) with two capitols and two rulers. |
| 410 CE | The attack of the Visigoths | ??? Why was this important??? What happened??? |
| ? | The End of the Western Roman Empire | The last Roman Emperor Romulus Augustus is deposed and the Middle Ages begin |