

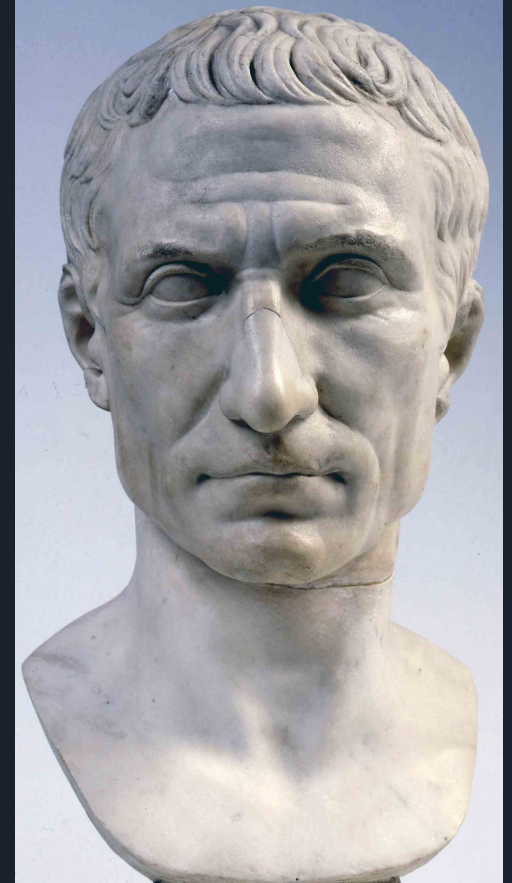


Julius Caesar

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Who is Julius Caesar?

Gaius Julius Caesar, known by his nomen and cognomen Julius Caesar, was a Roman politician, military general, and historian who played a critical role in the events that led to the demise of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Roman Empire. He is also known as the author of “De bello Galli”, the summary of the war in Gaul.



The First Triumvirate

In 60 BC, Caesar, Crassus and Pompey formed the First Triumvirate, a political alliance that dominated Roman politics for several years. Their attempts to amass power as Populares were opposed by the Optimates within the Roman Senate, among them Cato the Younger with the frequent support of Cicero.



Gallic Wars

Caesar rose to become one of the most powerful politicians in the Roman Republic through a number of his accomplishments, notably his victories in the Gallic Wars, completed by 51 BC. During this time, Caesar became the first Roman general to cross both the English Channel and the Rhine River, when he built a bridge across the Rhine and crossed the Channel to invade Britain. Caesar's wars extended Rome's territory to Britain and past Gaul.



Dictatorship and death

In 49 BC, Caesar took power in Rome as a dictator, a title he held until his death in 15th March 44 BC, a day known with the name “Idi di Marzo”, when he has been killed by a conspiracy guided by his stepson Bruto.

