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## Facts to Know

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<b>Aeneas</b>	<i>Trojan chief; early king of Latins; hero of the <u>Aeneid</u></i>
<b>Romulus and Remus</b>	<i>founders of Rome, twin brothers</i>
<b>Sylvia</b>	<i>mother of Romulus and Remus</i>
<b>Vestal Virgins</b>	<i>attendants to Vesta, vowed not to marry</i>
<b>Faustulus</b>	<i>herdsman who named and raised the twins</i>
<b>Palatine Hill</b>	<i>where Rome was founded</i>
<b>Sabines</b>	<i>tribe from which Romans took their wives</i>
<b>Tarpeia</b>	<i>killed at the gate of Capitoline Hill</i>
<b>Campus Martius</b>	<i>“field of Mars (god of war)”; where soldiers trained</i>
<b>Tiber River</b>	<i>river that runs through Rome</i>

*“It is the will of the gods that Rome shall be the greatest city of the world.”* **apparition of Romulus**

*“You killed our mother and you shall die for it.”* **Romulus and Remus**

## Vocabulary

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1. ...inhabited the **adjacent** mountains... \_\_\_\_\_
2. ...one of his **descendants** named Procas... \_\_\_\_\_
3. ...the **feeble** cries of the infants... \_\_\_\_\_
4. ...Remus had a **quarrel** with some of the herdsman... \_\_\_\_\_
5. He laughed **scornfully**... \_\_\_\_\_
6. So **perish** anyone who shall hereafter attempt... \_\_\_\_\_
7. ...make Rome a place of **refuge**... \_\_\_\_\_
- 8\*. He established a body called the **Senate**... \_\_\_\_\_
- 9\*. The descendants of those settlers were called **patricians**... \_\_\_\_\_
- 10\*. The ordinary citizens were called **plebeians**... \_\_\_\_\_

\* Vocabulary items throughout the book marked with an asterisk are specialized for Roman history or Latin.



## Romulus (753-672 B.C.)

### Comprehension Questions

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1. Why did Amulius put Numitor's son to death and make his daughter a Vestal Virgin?  
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2. Why are Romans called a "she-wolf's litter"? How does this name fit their national character?  
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\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did the twins decide who would be king of Rome? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Explain how Romulus populated his city and found wives for the Roman men.  
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\_\_\_\_\_
5. What good things did Romulus do for his city? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe Romulus' final departure from Rome. What did his spirit foretell?  
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### Activities

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1. Draw a family tree (on drawing pages in the Review lesson) including: **Aeneas, Procas, Numitor, Amulius, Sylvia, Romulus, Remus.**
2. Start your Roman History Timeline with **753 B.C.** as the date Rome was founded.
3. Identify on your map (Appendix) of Ancient Italia and memorize: **Italy**  
**Rome**  
**Tiber River**
4. Identify on your map (Appendix) of Ancient Rome: **Palatine Hill**
- 5\*. Discuss how the story of Romulus and Remus is similar to the story of Cain and Abel.
6. Why do you think Campus Martius was so named? Who is Mars?
- 7\*. Rome claimed divine ancestry through its founders Romulus and Remus (sons of Sylvia and Mars) and Aeneas (son of Venus). How might this have affected the Roman character?

\* Activities throughout the book marked with an asterisk may be given as composition assignments.