**ANCIENT ROME TIMELINE NOTES**

* 753 B.C.E.– The city of Rome is founded.
  + Legend is that the twin sons of Mars founded the city; Romulus killed Remus and named the city after himself.
* 509 B.C.E.– Rome becomes a republic.
* 218 B.C.E.– During the Second Punic War, Hannibal, a Carthage general, invades Italy, using elephants to cross the Alps.
* 73 B.C.E.– Spartacus, a slave, leads a slave revolt.
* 45 B.C.E.– Julius Caesar becomes the first dictator of Rome.
* 44 B.C.E.– Julius Caesar is assassinated by Marcus Brutus on the Ides of March (March 15)
* 27 B.C.E.– Caesar Augustus becomes the first Roman Emperor
* 64 C.E./A.D.– Most of Rome burns.
  + Legend has it that Nero, the emperor, laughed, danced and played the lyre during this event.
* 80 C.E./A.D.– Coliseum built which was a magnificent engineering feat and seated up to 50,000 people.
* 117 C.E./A.D.-- The Roman Empire was at its peak.
* 121 C.E./A.D.– The Hadrian Wall is built in northern England to keep out invaders.
* 306 C.E./A.D.– Constantine becomes emperor and converts to Christianity.
  + Rome becomes a Christian empire and stops persecuting Christians.
* 380 C.E./A.D.-- Theodosuis I declares Christianity the sole religion of the Roman Empire.
* 395 C.E./A.D. – The Roman Empire splits into two. (Eastern and Western)
* 410 C.E./A.D.– The Visigoths invade and sack Rome.
  + This is the first time in 800 years that Rome has fallen to an enemy.
* 476 C.E./A.D.– The Western Roman Empire falls when the emperor Romulus Augustus is defeated by the German Goth Odoacer.
  + This leads to the beginning of the Dark Ages (Middle Ages).
* 1453 C.E./A.D.- The Byzantine Empire (Eastern Roman Empire) is conquered by the Ottoman Empire.