

# Origins of Rome (1200-509 BC)

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Unit 3



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# Geography of Rome



- 2000-1000BC
- Migration of Latin speaking invaders
- Latins settle in region of Latium
- Centre of Italian peninsula
- Good agricultural land
- Found city of Alba Longa
- Established Etruscan & Greek neighbours



**The Rise of the Roman Republic (c. 510 - 300 BC)**

- Roman territory (*Ager Romanus*)
- Roman territory with passive citizenship (*Civitas sine suffragio*)
- Roman territory with Latin Right (*his Latini*)
- Roman allies (*Socii*)
- Roman colonies founded until 338 BC
- Roman colonies founded between 337 - 290 BC
- Roman roads
- Samnite League territory
- Etruscan cities & colonies
- Greek colonies
- Perusia* Members of the Etruscan League of Twelve Cities (*duodecim*)

# Founding Legends

- Poet Virgil (70BC)
  - Trojan Aeneas father of the Latins?
- Historian Livy (60BC)
  - Twin brothers Romulus & Remus born to Latin princess Rhea Silvia (vestal virgin)
  - Father Mars god of war
  - Twins exposed but nursed by a she-wolf
  - Raised by a shepherd
  - Restore their grandfather to the throne & found Rome (753BC)



Rome c.753 BC

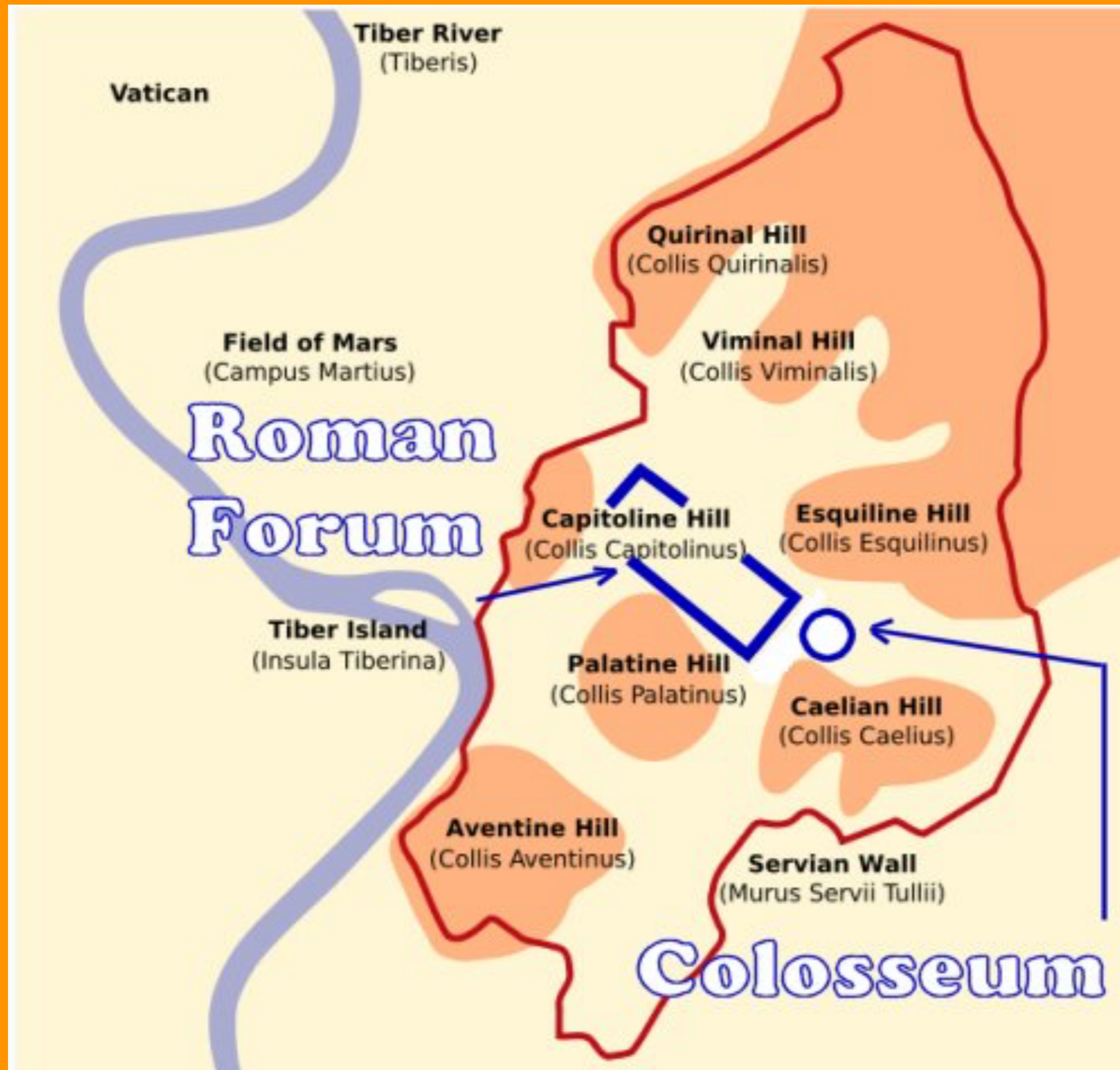
# Romulus Founds Rome

- Romulus kills Remus
- Builds city walls
- Establishes the Senate **patres** (patricians)
- Establishes Roman law & custom
- Borrowed aspects from Etruscans & Greeks
- Rape of the Sabine women
- Est. 3 **centuries** or classes
  1. **ramnes** (Romans/patricians/equestrians)
  2. **tities** (Sabine)
  3. **luceres** (Etruscans)



# Founding of Rome

# City of Rome



# Period of the 7 Kings (753-509 BC)

## **1. Romulus**

- Founder of Rome

## **2. Numa Pompilius**

- Pontifex Maximus, moves Vestal Virgins

## **3. Tullius Hostilius**

- Defeated Alba Longa united Latium under Rome

## **4. Ancus Marcius**

- Expands across the Tiber, Ostia sea harbour,

## **5. Tarquinius Priscus (the Elder)**

- Cloaca Maxima, Circus Maximus, Senate house

## **6. Servius Tullius**

- Reorganized tribes based on wealth vs. lineage (more demo.)

## **7. Tarquinius Superbus (the Proud)**

- Kills Servius & Senators, “Rape of Lucretia” by son Sextus



# Seven Kings

# Roman Revolution



- 509 BC
- Patricians Brutus & Lucretius kill Tarquinius
- No more Kings ever!
- Establish the Republic (*res publica*)
- Senate rules
- Brutus & Lucretius become the 1st Consuls





Rome c.509 BC

**THE END**