

# Roman Republic (509-264BC)

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Unit 3



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# Rise of the Republic (509-201 BC)

- Conflict of the Orders (plebeians vs. patricians)
- 494 BC plebeians refuse to fight (Aventine Hill)
- Establish Tribunes of the Plebs
- 475-280 BC Rome conquers all Etruscan cities
- 449 BC Code of 12 Tables
- 390 BC Gauls sack Rome
- 340-388 BC Latin Wars (Latin League)
- 343-290 BC Samnite Wars
- 280-275 BC Pyrrhic War (Magna Graecia)
- Rome controls all of Italy



# Latin Wars



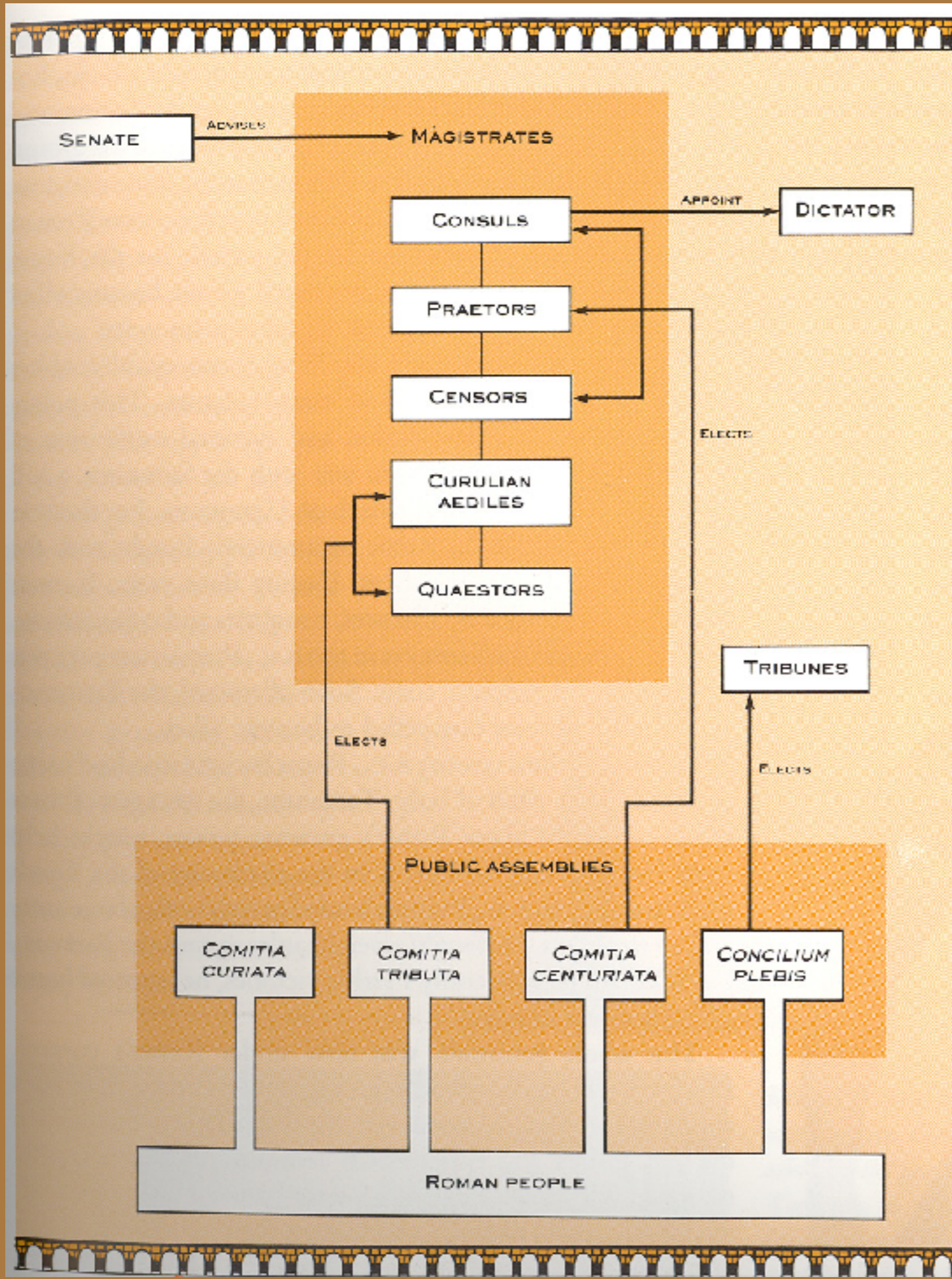
# Roman Society

## Patricians

- Wealthy, powerful citizens
- Nobles
- Small minority of the population
- Once controlled all aspects of government
- After 218 BC, not allowed to participate in trade or commerce

## Plebeians

- Common people
- Peasants, crafts-people, traders, other workers
- Majority of the population
- Gained right to participate in government
- Only Romans who could be traders, so many became wealthy



# Formation of the Republic

# Rome's Strategy & Success

- Policy of appeasement (keep conquered happy)
- Internal political freedom
- Increase standard of living (better than without Rome)
  - Build infrastructure, education & institutions
  - Larger markets & economic freedom
- Cultural & social freedom
  - Rome borrows from different cultures
  - Encouraged cultural exchange
  - Roman citizenship
- **BUT...**
  - Taxes, fight for Rome, foreign policy decided by Rome, trade with Rome



What the Romans did for us?

# Rise of the Republic

**THE END**