Introduction

Over the course of approximately 500 years, Rome had many emperors. In this project, we will get a brief overview of each emperor and the important events in his reign. As a class, we are going to research each of these emperors and create a visual timeline of their reigns. Using the product of this project, we will also have something to refer back to throughout the year.

The Task

Your task is to create an 8 1/2x11" info card for each of your emperors. Each card will have the emperor’s name, coin, and dates of rule & life on one side. (If you find any other images of your emperor, you can print small versions of them and arrange them around the coin.) On the other side will be some details about his life, including birth date, where born, method of rise to power, highlights of reign, and the details and date of death.

When we have all the emperors, we will hang them in order around the room and have a large timeline of emperors.

The Process

The first thing we will do is assign each class member a chunk of emperors. Since we need to cover most of the emperors, you will be responsible for more than one. (At the end of this article is a list of the emperors we will be covering.)

The next step is computer research. You will have time in the library or computer lab to research your emperors. You will need to do a bit of research on the emperors on either side of yours to describe the transition between the emperors.

Info to gather: Find the following for each emperor. Please number each area in your paper using the provided headings.

1. Early Life: When and where your emperor was born, important events in his childhood and youth

2. Rise to Power: How he came to power (was he the son of someone important, did the army put him in power, did he assassinate someone, did he start out in obscurity and slowly rise through the ranks, etc.)

3. Events During His Reign:
   a. when he ruled, what he did during his reign,
   b. what was going on in the world during his reign

4. Death: Detailed Account of circumstances surrounding death, including when and how he died (old age, assassinated by the army, etc.)

Other things to find:
At least one coin from your emperor’s reign and any other images/statues you want to include. Be open to any other interesting information you encounter.
Websites to Use: Go to each of the following sites to gather information. You may also find additional sites on your own. You must have at least 3 sources for each emperor.

2. http://www.thepaolas.com/Emperors/emperors.html - A website with a list of emperors and many images of them, along with links to pages and books.
3. http://vcrc.austincollege.edu/ - Bob Cape’s Roman coin project. Use the Main Catalogs link on the left side of the page to jump to a page where you can find many different coins for each emperor.

Creating your info cards: (There is a separate one for each emperor!!)

One the front:
Put the emperor’s name in big letters at the top [90pt font is about the right size.]
Put a large printout of your emperor’s coin in the center so we have a picture of him
If you have other images you want to use, print small copies of them and arrange them around your coin.
At the bottom of your card, write the years during which your emperor ruled. In somewhat smaller letters underneath, include birth and death years. [60-72 pt font is about right]

On the back of your card:
Write a short report detailing the biographical information you discovered when doing your research.
Be sure to include the answer to all the questions above.
Include a list of your 3+ sources, in the proper format.

The end product will look like this:

Front

Name

coin

Emperor: ___ - ___
(b. ___ - d. ___)

Back

Name

Info about emperor

sources

The Presentation:
You will stand up in front of the class and present the information you’ve learned about each of your emperors.

When we’ve all presented, we will hang them in order around the room to create a Roman emperors timeline.
**Evaluation**

You will be given a grade for each emperor based on your answering of the questions above, the format and content of your info cards, and your presentation of your information to the class. The following rubric will be filled out for each emperor.

### Front of Card

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name clearly printed</th>
<th>Absent</th>
<th>Small or sloppy</th>
<th>In proper place and easily visible</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Coin (large and well printed)</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Small</td>
<td>In proper place and easily visible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dates of rule</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Small or hard to read</td>
<td>In proper place and easily visible</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dates of birth/death</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Small or hard to read</td>
<td>In proper place and easily visible</td>
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### Extra credit pics

- No pics
- Few or B/W pics
- Multiple color pics

### Label

#### Back of Card

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1 Early life (birth, etc.)</th>
<th>Absent</th>
<th>Few details of early life</th>
<th>Described early life and influences in detail, or explained lack of historical information</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2 Rise to power</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Brief description of rise to power</td>
<td>Fully described events surrounding emperor's rise to power and assumption of the throne</td>
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<tr>
<td>3A Events of his reign-*what did he do &amp; *what was going on in the world</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Gave very limited description or omitted A or B</td>
<td>Discussed the important things that the emperor did during his reign and what was going on in the world</td>
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<td>3B</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Details of death</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Overly simplified or short description</td>
<td>Detailed events leading up to death, including any motives for his killing or any other pertinent info</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Sources listed</td>
<td>Absent</td>
<td>Sources listed but not in correct format or too few</td>
<td>3 Sources listed and in correct format</td>
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### Presentation

- Succinctly and accurately presented info to class
- Did not present
- Badly organized or presented
- Well organized and presented

**Total Score:______/ 20 = ________**
### Timeline of Emperors and some major events/authors

NB We are only going to do the main emperors, though there are many co-emperors and people who claimed they were emperor. Diocletian split the empire in 284AD, and we have an emperor (or more) for each half of the empire.

**Augustus Caesar** 27BC-14 AD - Vineet
- Pax Romana 27 BC- 180 AD
- 30 BC Altar of Peace dedicated by Augustus
- 9 BC Battle of Teutoburg Forest
- Varus- Roman General - lost 3 Legions
- Arminius Leader of Cherusci
- Writers: Vergil, Plautus, Terrence, Cato, Cicero, Polybius, Varro, Nepos, Sallust, Lucretius, Catullus, Horace, Caesar

**Tiberius** 14 AD-37AD - Luma
- German Wars-Germanicus
- 22-31 The treachery of Sejanus
- 27- Emperor moves to Capri

**Caligula** 37 AD- 41AD - Vineet
- Failed Conquest of Germania and Briatin

**Claudius** 41 AD-54 AD - Julian
- 43AD Conquest of Britain

**Nero** 54-68 AD - Julian
- 64- Fire of Rome
- Galba 68 AD
- Otho 68 AD
- Vitellius 69 AD

**Vespasian** 69-79 AD - Miles
- 70 Titus Conquers Jerusalem

**Titus** 79- 81 AD - Alex
- 79AD Pompeii

**Domitian** 81-96 AD - Carly
- Writers of First Century
  - Ovid, Livy, Seneca, Petronius, Juvenal- Satire, Martial, Tacitus,
  - Suetonius's biographies, Apuleius-The Golden Ass

**Nerva** 96-98 AD Government reform - Carly

**Trajan** 98-117 AD - Brand
- Greatest extent of Empire
- Dacian wars - Trajan's Column at Rome celebrates the victory
- Parthian Wars

**Hadrian** 117-138 AD - Alex
- Wall built in Britain
- 135 Jerusalem destroyed and renamed Aelia Capitolina
- Bar Kochba Revolt

**Antoninus Pius** 138-161 AD
- Greatest Prosperity of the Empire

**Marcus Aurelius** 161-180 AD Philosopher Emperor - Brand
- Wrote the Meditations

**Commodus** 180-192 AD Crazy

**Septimius Severus** 193- 211 AD
- Caracalla 211-217 AD
  - 212 All free citizens of Provinces given Roman citizenship
- Elagabalus 218-222 AD
- Serverus Alexander 222-235 AD

**Maximius** 235-238 AD

**Gordian** 238-244 AD

**Julius Philippus** 244-239 AD

**Decius** 254-256 AD

**Trebonius Gallus** 251-253 AD

**Valerian** 253- 260 AD

**Gallienus** 260-268 AD

**Claudius II** 268-270 AD

**Aurelian** 270-275 AD

**Tacitus** 275-276 AD

**Probus** 276-282 AD

**Carus** 283-284 AD

**Diocletian** 284- 305 AD
- 286 Empire divided
  - Diocletian ruled the East from Nicomedia
  - Maximian ruled the West from Rome
- 293 Tetrarchy established- Empire divided into four districts; each co-emperor
  - Received a subordinate