

## Founding of Rome

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1. Aeneas
  - a. Trojan who escapes fall of Troy
  - b. Son of Anchises and Venus
  - c. Known for his piety or pietas
    - i. Duty, obligation to family, city and the gods
  - d. Africa
    - i. Has an affair with Dido
      1. Curses him and establishes conflict with Carthage
  - e. Visits father in underworld & hears he is destined to found the Roman Empire
  - f. Lands in Italy
    - i. Marries Lavinia, daughter of Latinus (king of the Latins)
      1. Conflict with Turnus, duel to the death
  - g. Founds Lavinium
2. Ascanius
  - a. Son of Aeneas
  - b. founded Alba Longa (1st king)
    - i. Colony of Lavinium
  - c. 12 kings later -> Numitor becomes king
    - i. Father of Rhea Silvia -> mother of Romulus and Remus
3. Rise of Romulus & Remus
  - a. Numitor removed from throne by brother Amulius
    - i. Amulius forces his daughter, Rhea Silvia to be a virgin
  - b. Mars seduces Rhea Silvia and she conceived Romulus and Remus
    - i. Amulius orders they be drown in the Tiber River
      1. Servants can't get to bank -> leave them out under a fig tree
        - a. She wolf nurses them until the king's herdsman, Faustulus finds them
  - c. Romulus and Remus grow up as herdsmen
    - i. Take loot of robbers
      1. Remus is captured and brought before Amulius
  - d. Faustulus tells the boys their origin
    - i. Romulus rescues Remus, kills Amulius and they restore their grandfather to the throne
  - e. Romulus and Remus return to the Tiber to establish city of their own
4. Rome
  - a. Located on Tiber River in Italy
  - b. ~753 B.C.
  - c. Founded by Romulus and Remus
  - d. City of seven hills
    - i. Founded on the Palatine Hill
  - e. Pomerium -> sacred boundary of city
  - f. Romulus kills Remus and names city after himself
    - i. Disagreement about who should be king
    - ii. Remus was mocking the walls Romulus was building