

An aerial photograph of an ancient city, likely Rome, showing a dense grid of streets and numerous buildings. The city is built on a hillside, and the architecture is made of stone and brick. The overall color palette is warm, with shades of brown, tan, and orange.

# *The Flavian Dynasty*

69 C.E. – 96 C.E.

# Years of Civil War

- Death of Nero leads to civil war
  - No clear heir
  - Generals left to vie for control
  - Year of Four Emperors



# Rise to Power

- Vespasian rose in east with support
- Established firm control with military backing
- Establishes dynasty in 69 C.E.



# Achievements of the Flavians

- Set out to re-establish people's faith in Emperor
  - Re-Stabilized Army
  - Fixed Treasury
  - Improved Social Conditions



## Emperors of the Flavian Dynasty

Vespasian 69-79 C.E.

Titus 79-81 C.E.

Domitian 81-96 C.E.

# Famous For...

- Building of the Colosseum
  - “Flavian’s Amphitheatre”
  - Started by emperor Vespasian but completed by Titus



# Disaster Strikes

- The Last Day of Pompeii
  - 79 C.E. Mount Versuvius Erupts, burying town of Pompeii in 4-6m of ash
  - City discovered again in 1749 C.E.



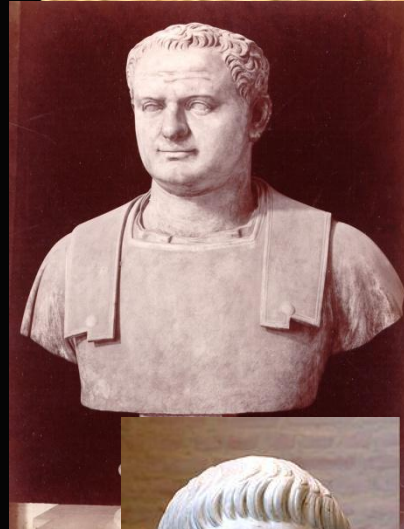
An aerial photograph of an ancient city, likely Rome, showing a dense grid of streets and numerous small buildings. A river is visible on the left side of the image. The overall color palette is warm, with many shades of brown and tan.

# *The Nerva-Antonine Dynasty*

*Five good emperors...and one bad one*

# Strength of the Emperors

- Emperors of dynasty adopted acceptable heirs
  - Passed over biological sons
  - Allowed them to choose strong emperors





# The Nerva Dynasty

- Nerva (96-98 C.E.) – Established Dynasty and tried to involve senate more
- Trajan (98-117 C.E.) – Added Armenia and Mesopotamia to Empire, massive public works projects (Forum)
- Hadrian (117-138 C.E.) – Extended Empire in Britain, built many temples. Revived Rome and Greece

# Height of Roman Empire



- Between years 147-150 Rome Reached its greatest extent
  - Under Emperor Hadrian

# Hadrian's Wall

- Northern Boundary in Britain
  - Except for 20 yr span
- Meant to prevent Celtic warriors from attacking Roman Settlements



# The Antonine Dynasty

- Antoninus Pius (138-161 C.E.) – Strictly followed Roman traditions and shared power with Senate
- Marcus Aurelius (161-180 C.E. ) / Lucius Verus (161-169 C.E.) - Stoic Philosophers, Defeated Parthian Empire but major German problems, Overall moral and just rule. Last of the “5 good emperors”

# Beginning of the End

- Commodus 180-192
  - De-valued Roman money
  - Increasing political instability
  - Wanted the perks but not responsibility
  - Corruption
  - Let power get a hold of him

