

Romulus Augustulus and the Fall of the West

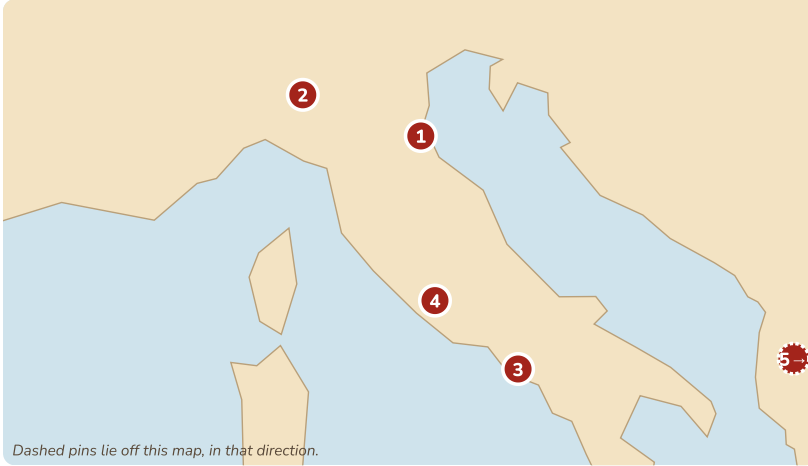


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Instructions: Use the word bank to label the map. Read the Did you know? box. Number the 4 events in order, tick True or False, match each word to its meaning, then write short answers.

Word bank (places): Constantinople Naples Placentia Ravenna Rome

1. Label the map



Dashed pins lie off this map, in that direction.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
5 _____

Did you know?

- Romulus Augustulus was only a boy when he became emperor.
- Odoacer sent him to live in a villa near Naples.
- The Roman Empire in the East carried on for almost 1,000 more years.



Rome all around us

About this story

In 475 the general Orestes drove out Emperor Julius Nepos and placed his own son, Romulus Augustulus, about 14 years old, on the throne. His name combined Rome's founder Romulus and its first emperor Augustus; people mockingly added '-ulus', meaning 'little Augustus'. The East never recognised him.

2. Put the events in order

Write 1 to 4 in the boxes (1 = first).

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| ☐ Odoacer removes him | ☐ Romulus Augustulus made emperor |
| ☐ Theodoric rules Italy | ☐ Julius Nepos dies |

3. True or false?

Romulus Augustulus was the last emperor in the West.	☐ True	☐ False
Odoacer removed him in 476 AD.	☐ True	☐ False
Odoacer killed Romulus Augustulus.	☐ True	☐ False
The Eastern Empire ended in 476 AD too.	☐ True	☐ False

4. Match up

Write the letter of the right meaning in the box.

Regalia	A. Languages that grew from Latin.
Byzantine Empire	B. Symbols of royal power, like crowns and robes.
Romance languages	C. Something handed down from the past.
Legacy	D. The Eastern Roman Empire, to 1453.

5. Short answers

- How old was the last emperor?

- Who became king of Italy in 476?

- Name a language that grew from Latin.

- Explain in your own words: In your own words, explain what happened in 476.

- Stretch: Give three reasons the West fell.

