

## **Ancient Rome**

### **Forms of Government: Brief Summary**

#### **Monarchy**



**-Ruled by kings**

#### **Republic**



- Citizens have the right to vote, but not all people are citizens; rest of population are slaves (usually the conquered people)**
- Citizens are broken into two groups: Patricians (upper class who have wealth; small percentage of the population and they control the Senate) and plebeians (ordinary citizens and majority of the society)**
- Patricians and plebeians will eventually clash and struggle for power**

#### **Empire**

- Julius Caesar, strong military leader, tries to seize power at the cost of the patricians; Caesar is murdered**
- Octavian, Caesar's adopted son, assumes leadership of the empire in 27 BCE; is given the title, "Augustus" by the Senate; first emperor of Rome**