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THE BIRTH OF A LEADER

Julius Caesar (SEE-zuhr) was an important leader in history. He lived in ancient Rome. Rome was founded around 753 B.C. At first, kings ruled Rome. Romans became unhappy. They threw their last king out of Rome.

The people set up a **republic** around 509 B.C. This meant that men were chosen to rule. Leaders did not have to be born into a royal family. They were chosen by the people. The Roman Republic was a success for a long time. It lasted almost 500 years.

▼ The ruins of ancient Rome are still visited by people today.

Julius Caesar was a major figure in the Roman Republic. His role in the republic changed history forever.

Julius Caesar ►

Who Gave Rome Its Name?

A famous legend describes how Rome got its name. Romulus (RAWM-yuh-luhs) and Remus (REE-muhs) were brothers. They were raised by a wolf. They decided to each build parts of the same city. They fought over the sizes of their parts. Romulus killed his brother. He became king of the whole city. He named the city Rome after himself.

▼ Romulus and Remus with their wolf mother

