

GALLA PLACIDIA (Aelia Galla Placidia) 390-450

- 390 Born the daughter of Emperor Theodosius I and his second wife, Galla
- 394 Mother died giving birth to John, who also died.
Galla is the half sister to two emperors: Arcadius and Honorius.
Given the title “Nobilissima Puella” (“Most Noble Girl”).
- 395 Galla present at the death of her father. Raised in the household of Imperial military leader Stilicho the Vandal whose wife Serena of the Imperial family is Galla's first cousin. Galla may have been given a classical education.
- 408 Stilicho executed, accused of conspiracy against Emperor Theodosius II
- 408- Rome under siege by the Visigoths for 2 years; Galla Placidia captured by Alaric, King of the Visigoths in Rome; she was taken with them to Gaul in 412.
- 414 Marriage arranged to make peace between Empire and the Barbarians.
Galla married Ataulf, successor to Alaric. Had one son, born in Barcelona; died.
- 415 While the Visigothic kingdom traveling into Spain, Ataulf murdered by Sarus, a Germanic chieftan. As Ataulf's widow, was treated very badly; her suffering inspired the assassination of the new Visigoth king, Sigeric; Wallia, a relative of Ataulf's, saves her. She gets back to Milan. With the death of Ataulf and his successor [Segeric](#), that same year Constantius signed a treaty with the new Visigothic king; in exchange of 600,000 bushels of wheat and the territory of the region of Aquitaine, from the Pyrenees to the Garonne, the Visigoths pledged to fight on behalf of the Romans
- 417 Forced into marrying Constantius III (soldier now elevated to the Western Empire leadership) by her brother, Emperor Honorius. Constantius defeats Visigoths.
Daughter Justa Grata Honoria, born; 419, son Valentinian III born.
- 418 Two rival popes elected, both in Rome; Galla Placidia personally wrote to African bishops summoning them to a synod to decide the rightful pope.
- 421 Constantius proclaimed Co-Emperor in West with his brother-in-law Honorius
Galla Placidia proclaimed an Augusta, the only Empress in the West. Sept: death of Constantius.
- 423 death of Galla's brother Emperor in the West now Galla one of main players in the empire, arranges succession of her 4yr old son Valentinian (III) and she as regent til 437, after which she continues most powerful advisor for son to her death in 450.
- 450 (November 27) Died in Rome