Trajan

**Born:** September 18, 53 AD, Italica, Spain

96 Murder of Domitian. The senate elects Nerva emperor. 97 Nerva adopts Trajan as colleague and successor

98 Death of Nerva. Trajan sole emperor. Trajan completes military organization on the Rhine and returns to Rome.

101 Trajan's first campaign on the Danube, 102 Trajan forces the 'Iron Gates' and penetrates Dacia

104 Conquest of Dacia and death of Dacian King Decebalus.

106 Erection of the Forum and Column of Trajan in Rome. Colonization of Dacia. The Nabatean kingdom of Petra is annexed as the province of Arabia.

114 Trajan advances against Parthia

114-117 Parthian War. Roman victory brings Armenia, Mesopotamia and Assyria as new provinces into the Empire

114-118 Revolt of the Jews in Cyrenaica, Egypt, Cyprus 115 Trajan crosses Tigris

116 Trajan captures Ctesiphon, but insurrections in his rear force him to retire. 117 Trajan dies at Selinus in Cilicia. Hadrian emperor. Hadrian reverts to policy of non-expansion, and makes peace with Parthia.