

Roamin' History with Roman Numerals

A Puzzle by Ray Frantz

Directions: Solve the equations in the left column. The answers will yield an important date in Roman history. In the blank at far left, place the letter of the event from the right column that corresponds with the date you computed in the left column.

___ 1. DCC + LIII = _____ BCE

A. Emperor Constantine splits the empire between east (Rome) and west (Constantinople)

___ 2. MXVIII ÷ II = _____ BCE

B. Hannibal leads the Carthaginian army over the Alps into Italy (Second Punic War)

___ 3. (XV)^{II} - (XIV ÷ II) = _____ BCE

C. Cicero exposes the Cataline Conspiracy

___ 4. (CCC ÷ II) - (II x II) = _____ BCE

D. Birth of Ovid, author of *The Metamorphoses*

___ 5. (VIII)^{II} + VI = _____ BCE

E. Birth of Virgil, author of *The Aeneid*

___ 6. LXIV - I = _____ BCE

F. Traditional date for the fall of Rome to invading barbarians

___ 7. (VII)^{II} = _____ BCE

G. According to legend, Romulus and Remus found Rome

___ 8. (III) x (XV) + I = _____ BCE

H. Julius Caesar is assassinated ("Et tu, Brute?")

___ 9. (XI) x (VIII) ÷ II = _____ BCE

I. Julius Caesar introduces the Julian calendar

___ 10. XXI + XXII = _____ BCE

J. Pompeii is devastated by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius

___ 11. V^{II} + II = _____ BCE

K. Carthage is destroyed by Roman troops (Third Punic War)

___ 12. (VIII)^{II} = _____ CE

L. Julius Caesar crosses the Rubicon

___ 13. LIII + (CIV ÷ IV) = _____ CE

M. Nero allegedly fiddles during the Great Fire of Rome

___ 14. (CX) x (III) = _____ CE

N. Octavian becomes Augustus and the first Roman emperor

___ 15. V^{IV} - (XII)^{II} - V = _____ CE

O. Rome becomes a republic