

# ART IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

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## OUTLINE OF SECTION 5 ART OF THE ROMANS

**LESSON 1** Roman History & Culture, from 753 BC 57 minutes

### **A** | Early history

- 1 | Geography & periods 0:25
- 2 | The Etruscans, a neighbour culture
  - (a) Language & religion 4:22
  - (b) Art 7:24
- 3 | The founding of Rome (753 BC)
  - (a) Conditions of the founding 9:52
  - (b) Creation of Senators by Romulus 11:35
    - 100 men with life experience (senate or *senatus* derives from *sene*, meaning old)
    - Members were sometimes referred to as 'fathers' or *patres*
    - Advisors to the king (Romulus), who retained power
    - This group became the basis of the later Patrician (from *patres*) class, descendants of the original 100
- 4 | Second king of Rome, Numa Pompilius (a Sabine; died c. 673 BC) 13:44

### **B** | Roman religion

- 1 | *Do ut des* – the divine economy 14:11
  - *Divus Pater* (Jupiter), father of the heavens 16:37
  - Jupiter & the Roman state 17:21
- 2 | The Temple of Jupiter Capitolinus, end of the 6th c BC
  - (a) Its Etruscan & Greek elements 17:38
  - (b) Its three cult images
    - Jupiter 18:34
    - Juno 18:53
    - Minerva 19:16
- 3 | *Numen*, the mysterious & sacred force of nature 19:36
- 4 | The office of *Pontifex maximus* 20:15
  - High priest ('preparer of the road'), created by Numa
  - Separation of priesthood & governors (so each would accomplish its own business) 21:06
- 5 | The Temple of Vesta (also created by Numa) 21:57
  - Vesta, goddess of hearth & home 22:05
  - The sun & the sacred fire (the flame of life kept burning by Vesta) 22:11
  - Purity, purification, & the fire 23:06
  - The cult image of Vesta 23:39

- 6 | Symbols in Roman religion 25:05
- The symbol & *presence* 26:37
  - The modern presumption against divine presence (cloaked in man-centredness) 27:06
  - Forms & the creator of forms: forms carry a meaning *belonging to* the form 30:16
  - The god-given & numen-filled world, thanksgiving, & cult images as symbols 36:30
- 7 | The Temple of Vesta, ctd.
- The cult image of Vesta, conclusion 38:10
  - The Vestal Virgins, priestesses of Vesta 39:11
  - Roman religion compared (in 1852) to Roman Catholicism 40:12
  - Symbols & their meaning as common experience 44:21
- 8 | The Temple of Janus
- Founded by Numa 49:02
  - The doors & war 49:42
  - Wars with neighbouring peoples: Etruscans & Sabines 44:21

## **C | Age of the kings to the Republic**

- Roman history's relevance to the later West 49:02
- Tullus Hostilius, 3rd king of Rome 51:25
- The last king, Lucius Tarquinius Superbus (500 BC) 54:02

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