



Nero

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Who Was He?

- ◆ Nero was an emperor who reigned 54-68 AD
- ◆ Nero was fair-haired, with weak blue eyes, a fat neck, a pot belly
- ◆ He had three wives
- ◆ He had a child Claudia (died as a baby)



Who Was He? (continued)

- ◆ When he was a young man he enjoyed the theater, music, and horse racing
- ◆ In his early reign as emperor he was nice
- ◆ By the end of his reign, Nero became well-known for his personal wickedness
- ◆ Nero video
 - ◆ <http://www.history.com/topics/nero/videos#historys-burning-questions-nero>



Date of Birth

- ◆ Born Dec. 15, AD 37
- ◆ Nero was born at Antium (Anzio)
- ◆ His first name was Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus
- ◆ His fathers name was Gnaeus Domitius Ahenobarbus
- ◆ His mothers name was Agrippina Minor



Nero's Death

- ◆ He died June 9th, AD 68
- ◆ The people of Rome turned against Nero
- ◆ Terrified, Nero fled to the country





Positives Effects on Empire

- ◆ He ended secret trials and gave the senate more independence
- ◆ He provided assistance to cities that had suffered disasters
- ◆ Gave aid to the Jews and established open competitions in poetry, drama, and athletics





Negative Effects on Empire

- ◆ The Great Fire destroyed or damaged 10 of Rome's 14 districts and many homes, shops; and temples
- ◆ He had his mother murdered
- ◆ He also liked to wander the streets, murdering innocent people at random



The Public's Reaction to Nero

- ◆ Nero, most likely due to the influence of his tutor Seneca, came across as a very humane ruler at first
- ◆ He considered liberal ideas
- ◆ In AD 64 Nero gave his first public singing performance in Neapolis (Naples) -



The Public's Reaction to Nero (continued)

- ◆ Rome had had enough. A revolt in the northern territories quickly spread and the Senate declared Nero a public enemy.
- ◆ After Nero killed himself the Roman Empire now had no leader.
- ◆ With the ultimate prize up for grabs, rival generals began moving their troops towards Rome and a civil war begun.



Who did Nero Kill?

- *His Mother*
- *His wife*
- *Innocent people at random*



Fun Facts

- ◆ He loved to sing
- ◆ He usually appeared in public in a sort of dressing
- ◆ It was no doubt such decisions which gradually lessened Nero's resolve for administrative duties



Resources

Information Websites

- ◆ <http://www.pbs.org/empire/s/romans/empire/nero.html>
- ◆ <http://www.history.com/>
- ◆ <http://www.livius.org/ne-nn/nero/nero.html>
- ◆ <http://www.roman-empire.net/emperors/nero-index.html>

Photo Websites

- ◆ <http://www.paulboylan.wordpress.com>
- ◆ <http://www.eborg2.com/Revelation/0-Rev22.htm>
- ◆ http://www.artvex.com/browse.php?p=Shapes_Signs_and_Symbols/Plus