

## Mystery Emperor Game - Ancient Rome

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- 1. Just one person stands between you and having total control and power over Rome and all of its empire. Do you:**
- 2. You're in the top job as ruler of your country, you have the support of the Senate, you also have a strong army, and the people love you. It's time to show what you can do. Do you:*
- 3. A group of expensive wars have drained the government treasury, and you need to raise money. Do you:**
- 4. You hear of an evil plot against you to kill you or remove you from power. What do you do?*
- 5. You find someone attractive who could be helpful to the leadership of your country. How do you win them over to your side?**
- 6. If your leadership as ruler of your country all ends tomorrow, how do you want people to remember you? As:*

**Mystery Emperor #1:** Congratulations! This is Nero! He was one of Rome's truly colorful characters. Nero was a good-natured child who loved music, painting, and writing. He became emperor at the age of 16, after his mother, Agrippina, murdered her husband, the Emperor Claudius, to make way for her son to be in power. Nero's life shows how power can make a person extremely evil. When he thought his mother was gaining too much power, he had her killed. He had other political powers murdered. He threw Christians to the lions in the arena, and spent huge amounts of government money on bigger and bigger art displays and shows.

**Mystery Emperor #2:** Congratulations! This is Caesar Augustus! He was one of Rome's best emperors and one of the finest leaders the world has ever known. Augustus was known as strong and courageous, doing battle with enemies and those who disagreed with him, but he was fair and highly respected by others. He knew how to rule and how to encourage his people. From an early age, it was clear that he was a special child. When he was just a teenager, he successfully completed a dangerous mission for his uncle, Julius Caesar, and was named as the person to come to the throne after Julius Caesar died. He proved himself as a leader again and again in battle. He established the largest empire the world has ever known. His dynasty ended up ruling Rome for nearly 100 years until the death of Nero.

**Mystery Emperor #3:** Congratulations! This is Claudius! He was one of Rome's most successful leaders! Claudius was awkward and clumsy, so most people didn't think he would be a strong Roman leader. However, the people of Rome loved Claudius because he used lots of common sense and was very generous and kind. He was already over 50 years old when he became emperor of Rome. He had never before been in governmental leadership. During his reign as emperor, he passed laws to protect slaves, provide more people with citizenship, and increase women's rights. He was able to finally conquer Britain. He was the first emperor since Caesar Augustus to enlarge the Roman Empire - even the great Julius Caesar had not been able to do this.

**Mystery Emperor #4:** Congratulations! This is Cleopatra! She was one of the ancient world's truly glamorous and mythical leaders! Cleopatra was cunning, charming, and captivating as a leader. She spent much of her time trying to win over the men who were leaders of ancient Rome. She was intelligent and strong-willed, knowing what she wanted in life. She became the Queen of Egypt at the age of 18. Cleopatra had herself smuggled through Roman enemy lines in a huge carpet so she could meet Julius Caesar. She tried to take on the entire country of Imperial Rome with the help of her new partner, Marc Antony, but this did not work. She ruled Egypt until she chose to be bitten by a snake alongside Marc Antony when she was 39.

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# Mystery Emperor #1

Murder them, crush all enemies against you, and take power.

After all, only the strong survive.

You can start practicing your evil laugh. Heh, heh, heh.

## Mystery Emperor #2

Be patient and bide your time.

Convince the people that only you can lead Rome to greatness, but that you'll only take power when or if they insist.

Question 1

## Mystery Emperor #3

Worry that you're not sure you are cut out for public office at all. Best to hide behind a curtain (make sure nobody sees your feet peeking out) and avoid public attention altogether.

Question 1

## Mystery Emperor #4

Get close to your enemy and use every ounce of your charm to win them. You wine and dine them, use them, and abuse them until you are in charge.

Question 1

# Mystery Emperor #1

Enjoy it! No one can stop you now. You throw month-long parties, drink yourself silly, hold expensive gladiator games and bet on chariot races. Why not? You're a god!

## Mystery Emperor #2

Carefully figure out the needs of the empire before conquering key countries and making big changes in each country. This is your moment, and there's no time to waste.

Question 2

## Mystery Emperor #3

Consult the Senate and the people to find out what they want you to focus on. After all, you may be the emperor, but you're really there to serve them.

Question 2

## Mystery Emperor #4

Start plotting and look for someone to hire as your evil henchman. Face it, you can never be too rich or too powerful, so it's time to find some more countries to conquer and more gold and jewels to seize. Diamonds are forever!

Question 2



# Mystery Emperor #1

Ignore it completely. Keeping track of money is SO boring - let the geeks in the Senate worry about it. Meanwhile, you hold a series of expensive theater shows. Ignore how expensive the shows cost - the money will come from somewhere.

Question 3

## Mystery Emperor #2

Solve this problem by making a generous donation from your own riches to people in need. The people will know you've done your bit to help, and you'll be even more popular among the people of your country.

Question 3

## Mystery Emperor #3

Create jobs and make the economy stronger by starting a huge government program of building roads, bridges, viaducts and buildings. Dull, but worthy.

Question 3

## Mystery Emperor #4

Decide what Rome needs is a party. You put on a fabulous show where you dress as a deity and stand on the stern of a great ship with silver oars and purple sails. Let's face the music, and dance!

Question 3

# Mystery Emperor #1

Give that evil laugh you've been practicing, round up the usual suspects and torture them for information. When they've outlived their usefulness, execute them without trial. Ha! That'll teach them!

## Mystery Emperor #2

Thinking fast, you realize you need to keep the army on side, so you tell your generals that there's a plot against you but that it's business as usual and their loyalty will be generously rewarded.

Question 4

## Mystery Emperor #3

Find out who's behind the plot, arrest the suspects, organize a trial behind closed doors and make sure the verdicts are fair.

Question 4

## Mystery Emperor #4

Discover who's involved, and begin giving out wrong information and gossip to turn the enemies against each other. Before long, they're fighting like rats in a trap. What simple fools they are!



# Mystery Emperor #1

You arrange an evening of fancy, expensive entertainment, followed by a huge banquet in your luxury quarters. If they don't give in to your charm, you throw them into jail as punishment for their poor taste.

Question 5

## Mystery Emperor #2

You're busy, you have an empire to run, you don't have time for anything as trivial as romance! Now beat it, Cupid, and go bother someone else.

## Mystery Emperor #3

You're a bit shy but you summon up the courage to go and talk to them. Over time, you impress them with your modest charm and winning character, and the rest is history.

## Mystery Emperor #4

Win them over? Ha! All you need to do is click your fingers and blow them a kiss. Soon they will be swooning in your arms, for no one can resist your charms.

Question 5

# Mystery Emperor #1

A risky but brilliant - and handsome - leader and a great supporter of the arts, misunderstood by many of his ungrateful people.

Question 6

## Mystery Emperor #2

A great leader with incredible vision and ambition who forced praise from his people, set Rome on the path to greatness, and was a tough act to follow.

Question 6

## Mystery Emperor #3

Somebody who overcame great difficulties to become a wise and kind leader who did much for the poor and made Rome a fairer empire than it was before.

Question 6

## Mystery Emperor #4

A clever and charming leader with a magnetic personality and curious appearance who would cause people to be greatly interested in this person for a long time.

Question 6



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Put an "X" on the square for which you think represents  
Caesar Augustus / Augustus Caesar:

Question 1	1	2	3	4
Question 2	1	2	3	4
Question 3	1	2	3	4
Question 4	1	2	3	4
Question 5	1	2	3	4
Question 6	1	2	3	4

Who is Emperor #1? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is Emperor #2? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is Emperor #3? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is Emperor #4? \_\_\_\_\_

Your choices:

- Cleopatra, Queen of Egypt
- Emperor Claudius of Rome
- Emperor Nero of Rome
- Augustus Caesar (Octavius) of Rome