

Lecture 25

Hadrian

Essential chronology

107	Hadrian is governor of Pannonia
108	Hadrian is consul
112	Hadrian archon at Athens
11 August 117	Death of Trajan; adoption of Hadrian
September-October 117	Settlement of the East; Chosroes returns to Parthia and Parthamaspates is compensated with Osroene
118 and 119	Hadrian's only two consulships; organisation of business in Rome
121	Journey to Gaul
122	Journey to Britain; the construction of the Wall begins Journey to Spain
123-126	Journey to the Greek East
127	Hadrian in Italy; tour of the peninsula
128	Journey to Africa October: visit to Athens; initiation to the Eleusinian Mysteries
129	Journey to Asia Minor, Arabia and Egypt 30 October: death of Antinous at Hermopolis
131-132	Stay in Athens; inauguration of the Olympieion
133-134	Jewish War; Hadrian visits the front
134-137	Arrian is governor of Cappadocia
136	Hadrian adopts L. Ceionius Commodus
138	January: death of Commodus February: adoption of T. Aurelius Arrius Antoninus Antoninus is asked to adopt the son of Commodus and the grandson of Antoninus' wife 10 July: Hadrian dies at Baiae Orderly succession; Antoninus becomes <i>Imperator Caesar T. Aelius Hadrianus Antoninus Augustus Pius</i>
139-142	the governor of Britain Q. Lollius Urbicus contains a revolt of the Brigantes
141	Death and deification of Faustina
143	Aelius Aristides delivers the Praise of Rome
145	Completion of Hadrian's mausoleum in Rome (now known as Castel Sant'Angelo)
148	Nine-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Rome
161	7 March: death of Antoninus

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