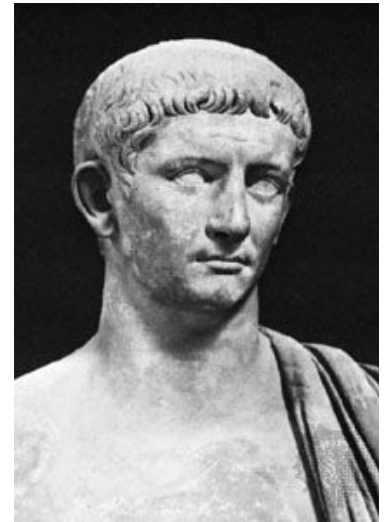


Nero's Life Between 41AD and 53 AD.

41AD: **Accession of Claudius.**

After Tiberius's successor Caligula was assassinated on January 41AD, the Praetorian Guard located Claudius in the palace and regarded him as an emperor. The reason for the delay was due to a Senate gathering proposing a change in government, but somehow it developed into a debate about who would be the one of the new princeps. However when the senate discovered the argument of the Praetorians, they then requested that Claudius be brought to them for confirmation, however he refused to do so. The senate postponed Claudius' accession as Emperor for two days, but soon after they recognised him as the new leader of Rome.



41 AD: **The Recall of Agrippina.**

Agrippina was banished in 39AD for taking part in a plot against Gaius, however, then she was allowed to return to Rome in 41AD. Claudius lifted the exiles of Agrippina and Livilla. Livilla returned to her husband, while Agrippina was reunited with her estranged son.

49AD: **The Marriage of Agrippina and Claudius.**

At the age of 58, Claudius married Agrippina in 49AD. The marriage required a special exemption from the Senate, as Claudius was Agrippina's uncle. The main purpose of Agrippina's marriage was to lay the foundation for her son Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus who became Nero to succeed Claudius before his own child Britannicus.





50AD: **Adoption of Nero by Claudius.**

Claudius officially adopted Nero in 50AD, this is when he took the name of Nero's family. In 51AD, Nero was promoted to the rank of Prince Iuventutis instead of Britannicus. Nero's promotion clearly identified him as the next heir to the throne, his portrait, together with those of Agrippina, began to appear on both the silver denarius and the gold aureus coinage.

53AD: **Marriage of Nero and Octavia.**

In 53AD Octavia married Nero. Octavia was the very first wife of Nero. Nero was believed to not be fond of her. In order to pave the way for Nero's rise to the throne, their marriage was one of strict strategy. In 55 AD, Nero poisoned her older brother Britannicus. He also would have done the same to Octavia, but was still under the dominant control of his mother, Agrippina. Finally, in 62 AD, Nero divorced Octavia and sent her into exile.



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