

The Republic

A government where leaders are elected
to represent the people

509 BCE

494 BCE

- **Patrician:**

Upper class: priests and wealthy landowners

Held public office

- **Plebeians:**

could vote

Magistrates:

judges/ tax collectors/ city planners

Consuls: 2 chief magistrates / a balance of power

led army, issued laws, power to veto each other

- **Senate**

Elected for life, advised the consul

- **Assembly**

law making group

- **Plebeians**

Commoners: artisans, laborers, farmers

Threaten to leave forcing economic hardships

Council of Plebs:

assembly of the Plebs

tribunes: 10 officials to represent Plebeians

Veto: the power to say no

458 BCE

- Dictator

one person with complete power
in the event of an emergency

appointed by the senate

serves for 6 months

450 BCE

Plebeians:

protest unfair treatment

- Twelve Tables:

written laws placed in the forum for all to
see

Forum: open market place

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