



Cleopatra

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Ancient Egypt was a very ancient civilisation.

The Egyptians built great temples and pyramids.

Egyptian civilisation invented writing and farming.

The kings of the Egyptians were called Pharaohs.

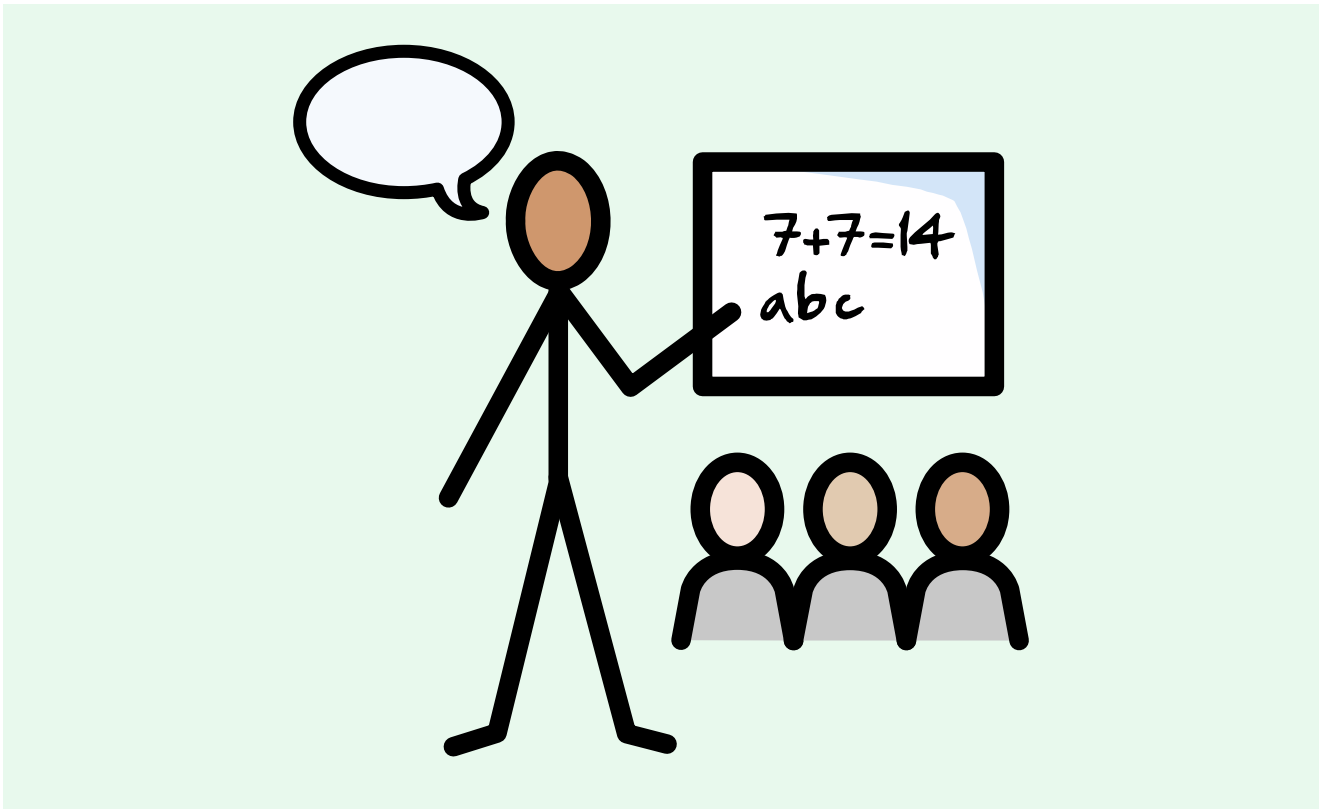


Cleopatra was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 69 BC.

Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great.

Her father was Ptolemy XII.

The Ptolemy dynasty was originally Greek.

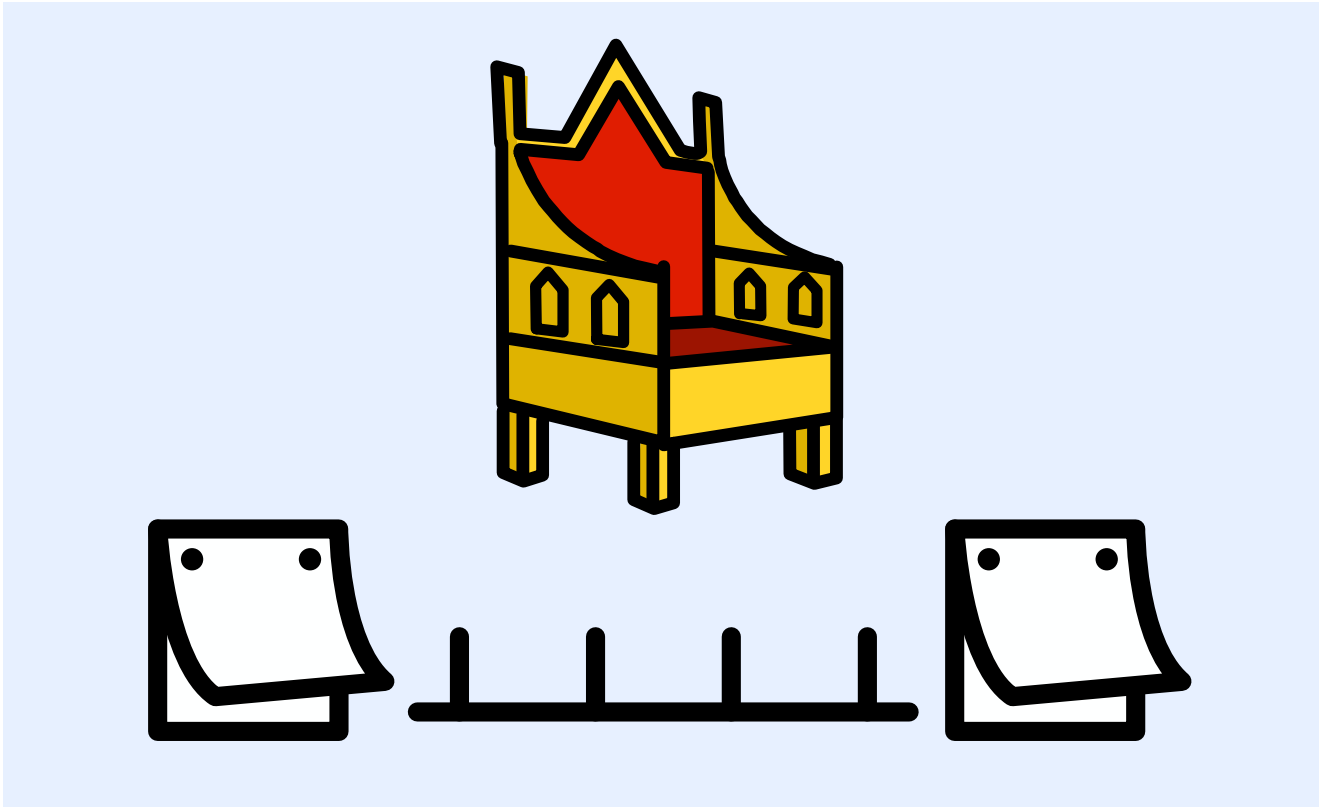


Cleopatra was very clever and well educated.

She learned maths, science and astronomy.

She learned to speak Greek, Egyptian and Latin.

Cleopatra learned to speak 9 languages.

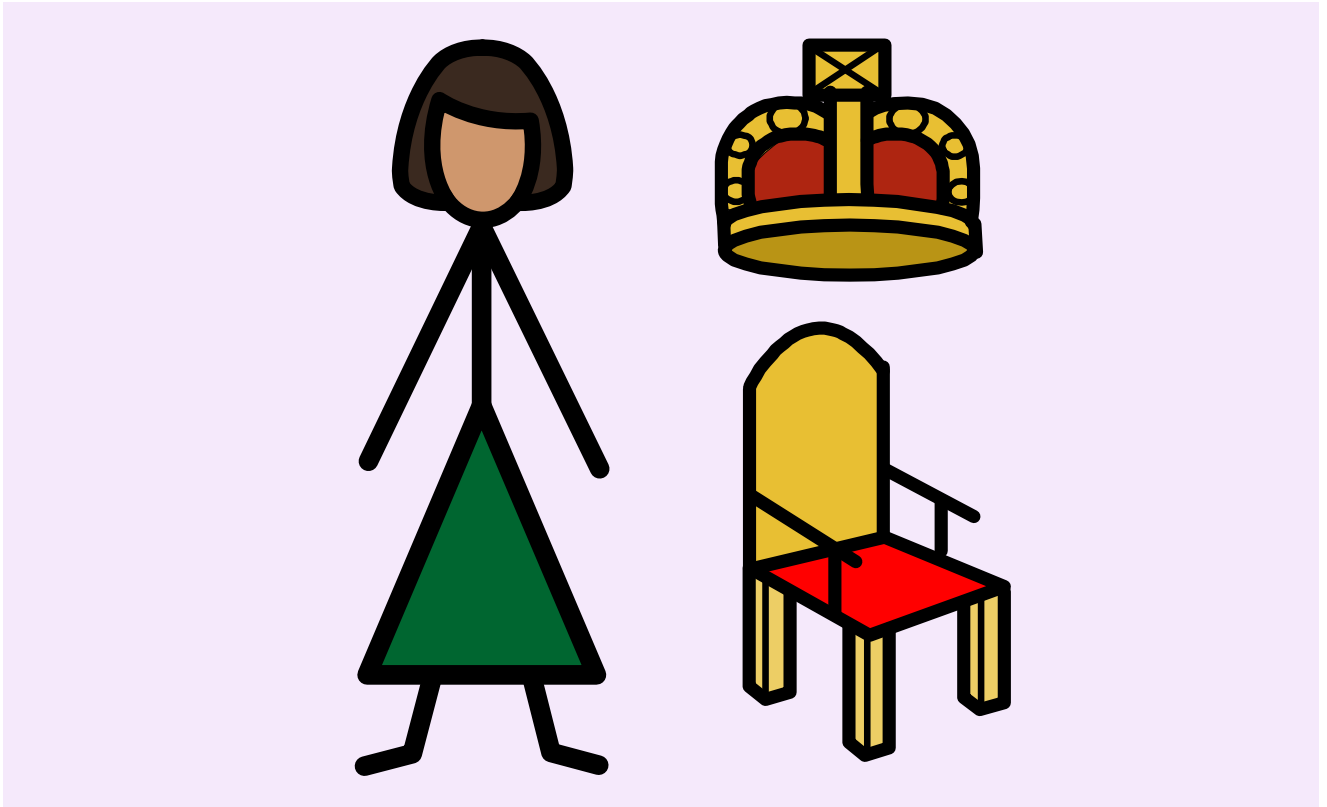


Cleopatra's father died in 51 BC.

Cleopatra co-ruled with her eldest brother.

Cleopatra and her brother did not like each other.

At this time, Julius Caesar became ruler of Rome.



Egypt was important for feeding the Roman people.

Caesar and Cleopatra formed an alliance.

Caesar decided to make Cleopatra Queen of Egypt.

Cleopatra's brother was killed in a civil war.

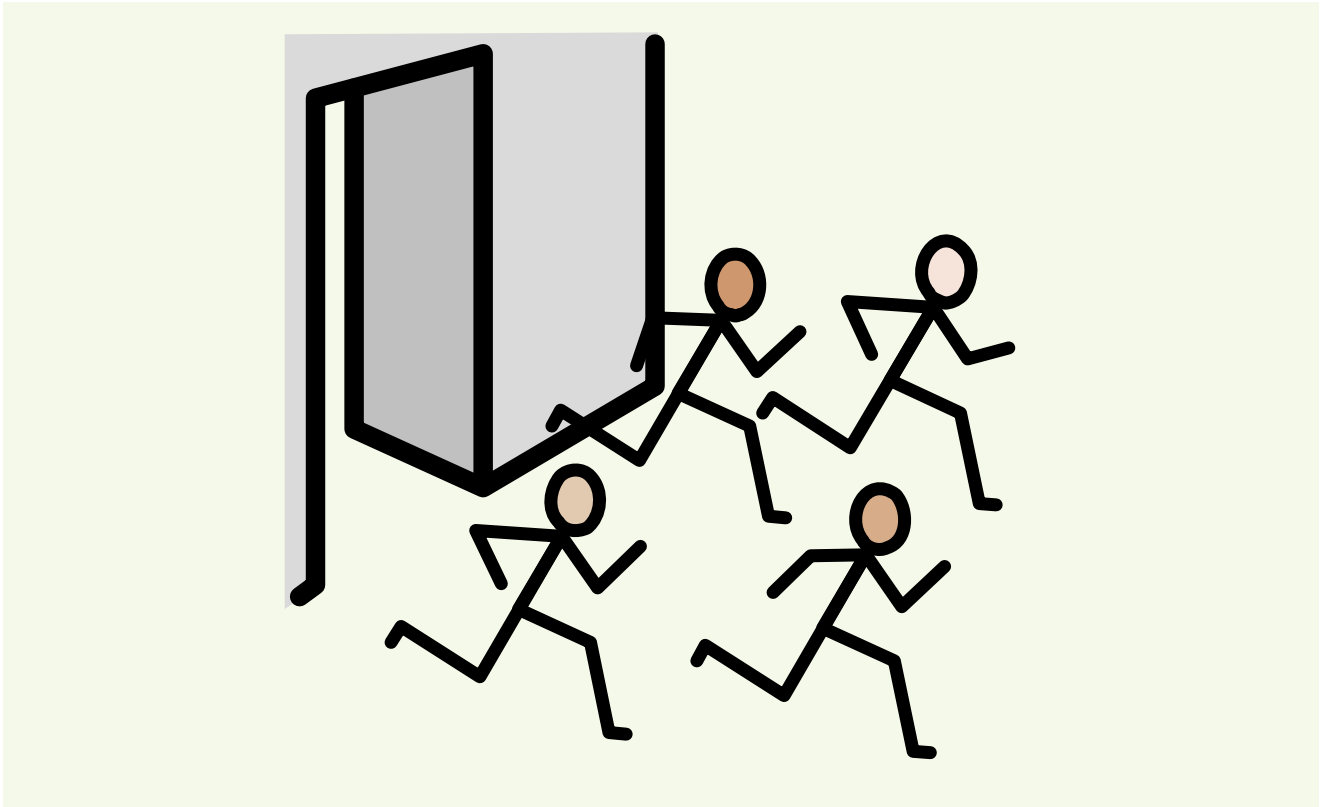


Her youngest brother then became the king.

Caesar made Cleopatra the real ruler of Egypt.

In 47 BC Cleopatra had a child called Caesarian.

In Rome, Caesar was killed by his fellow senators.

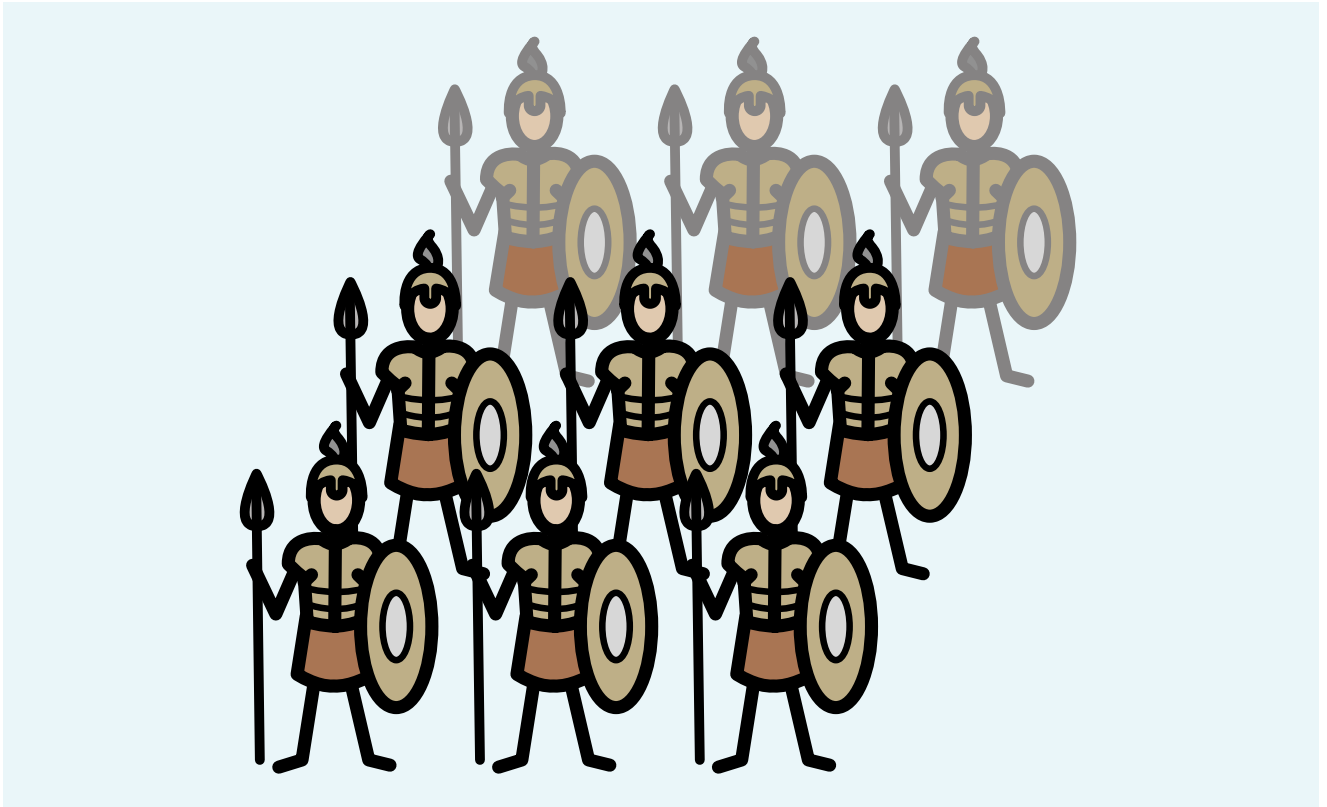


Cleopatra and her son fled back to Egypt.

Cleopatra made her son her co-ruler.

She was a capable and intelligent ruler.

Cleopatra skilfully stopped Egypt falling to Rome.

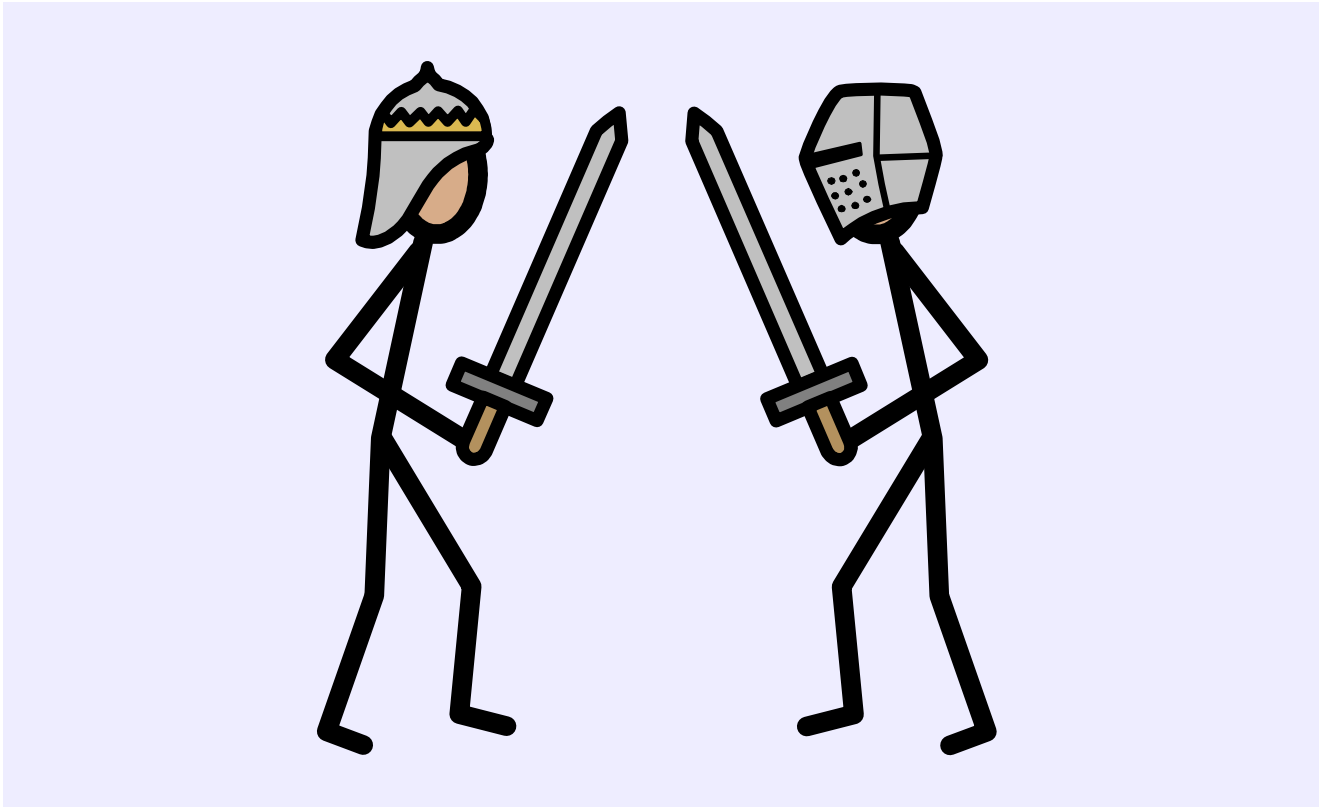


In Rome there was a civil war.

Mark Antony fought against Caesar's assassins.

Cleopatra sent an army to help Mark Antony.

Mark Antony promised to support Cleopatra.

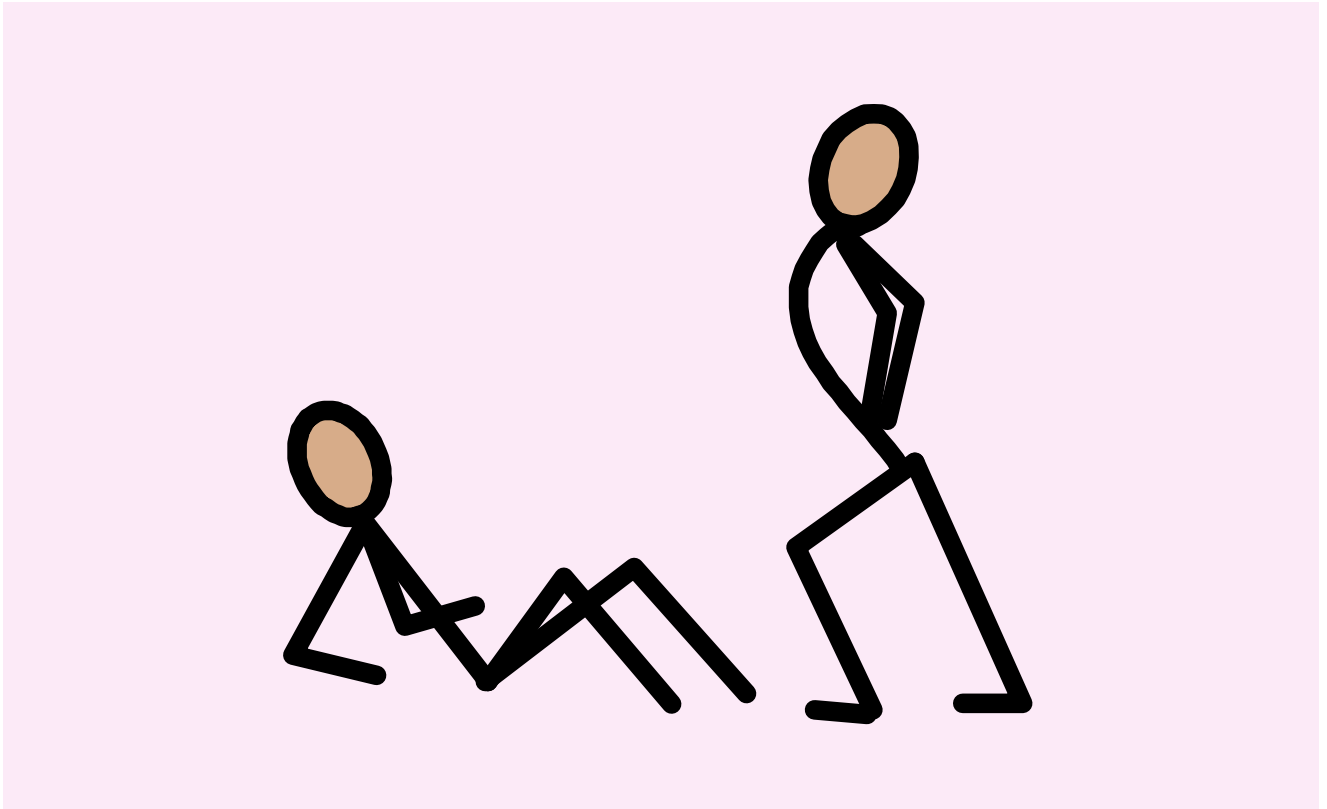


Mark Antony returned to Egypt with Cleopatra.

They fell in love and had three children together.

In 31 BC there was another Roman civil war.

Mark Antony fought Octavius for rulership of Rome.

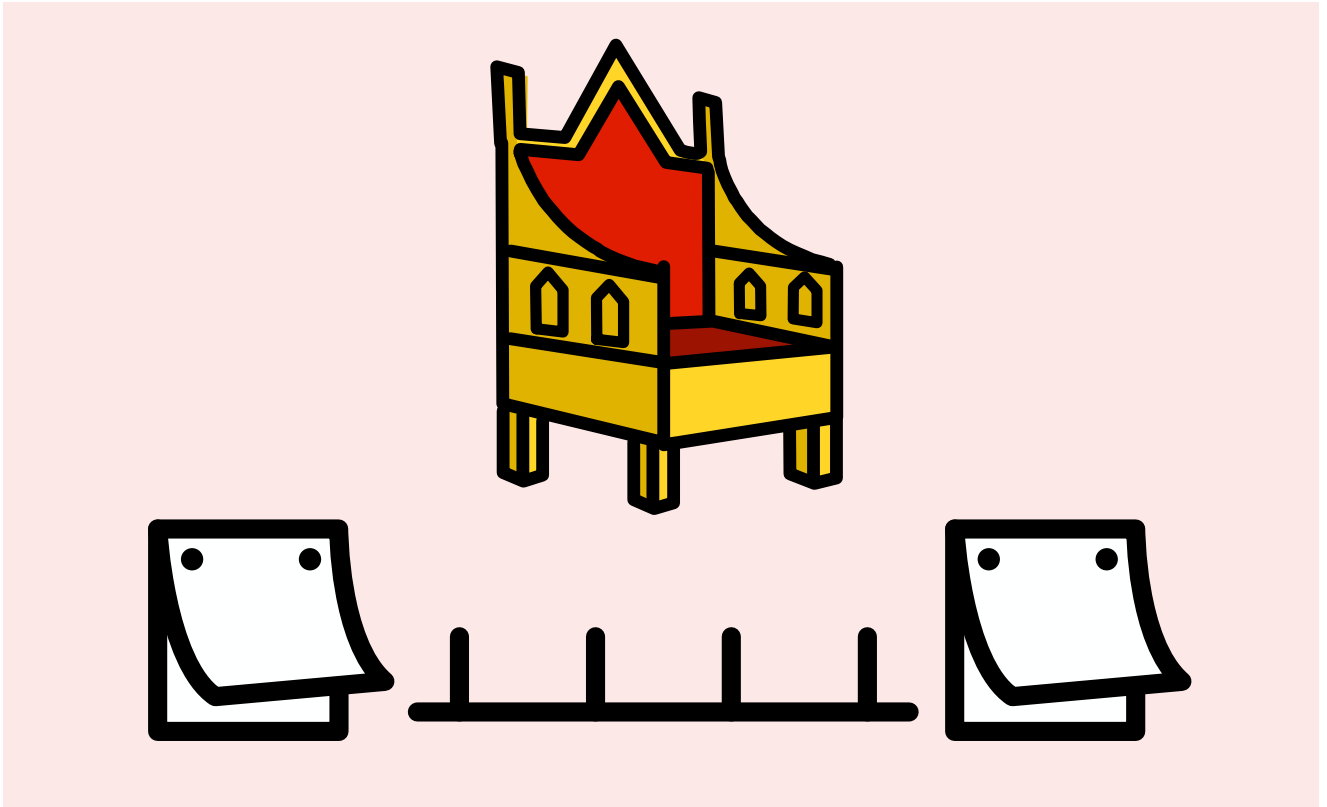


In 30 BC Mark Antony was defeated at Actium.

Cleopatra and Mark Antony fled to Alexandria.

Mark Antony killed himself to avoid capture.

Hearing the sad news, Cleopatra also killed herself.



Cleopatra ruled Egypt from 51 to 30 BC.

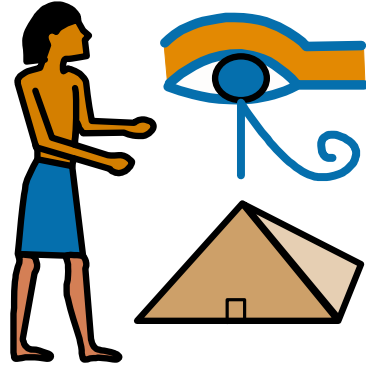
After this time Egypt did not allow women to rule.

Cleopatra was the last independent ruler of Egypt.

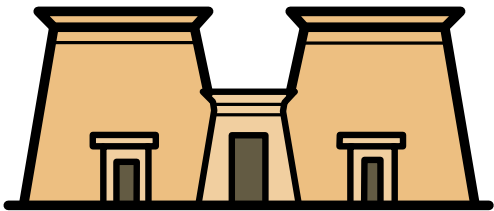
After her death, Egypt became a province of Rome.



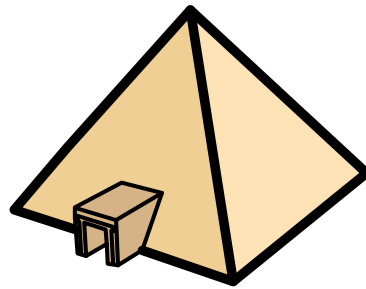
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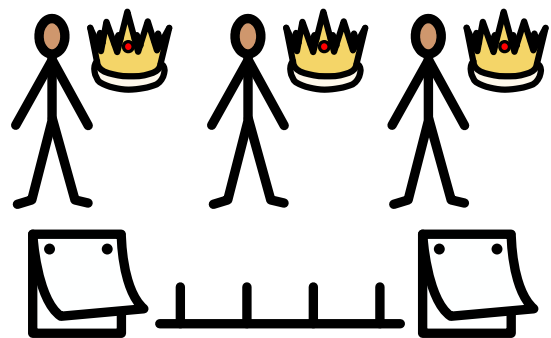
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Ptolemy XII



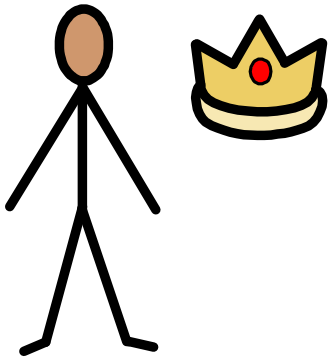
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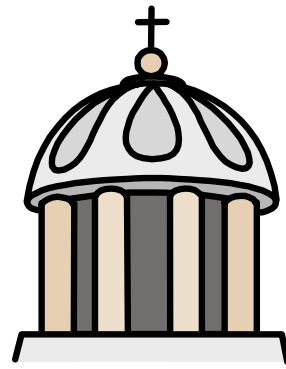
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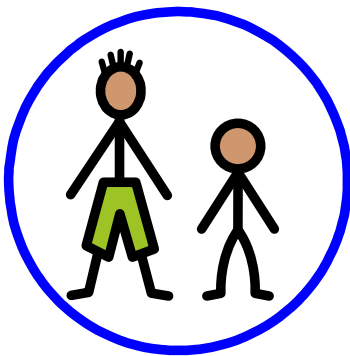
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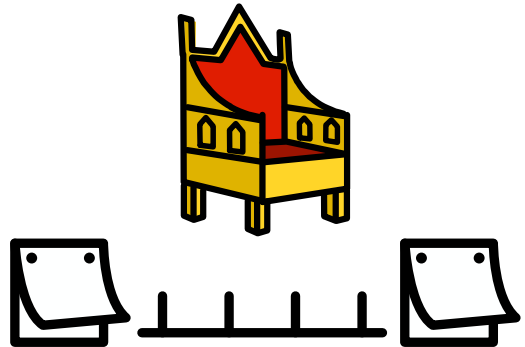
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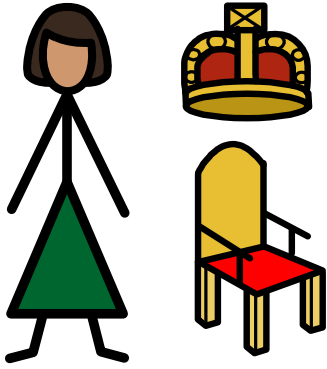
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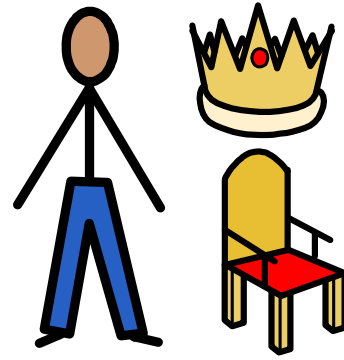
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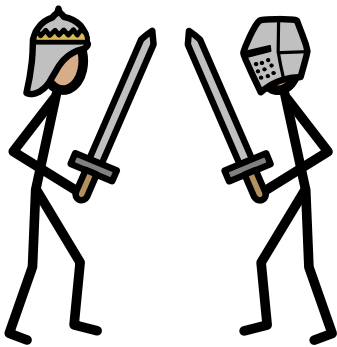
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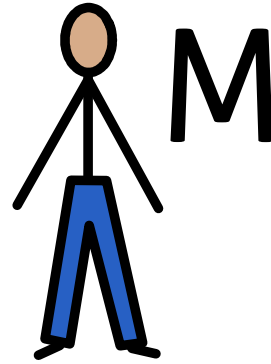
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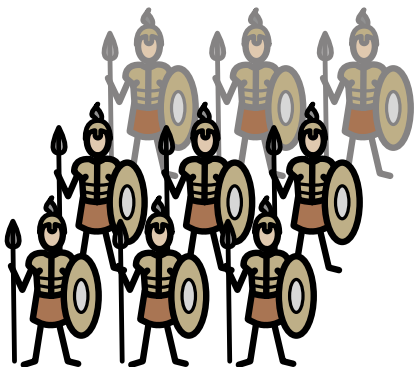
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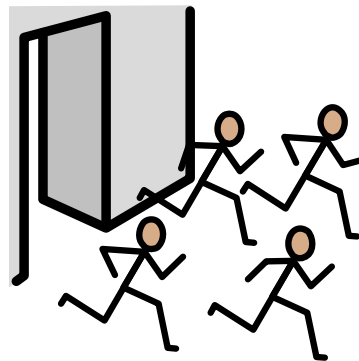
civil war



Mark Antony



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