

The Story Of Romulus and Remus

Romulus and Remus were twin boys born to a princess named Rhea Silvia. Their father was Mars - the fierce Roman God of War.

Rhea's uncle was the King. He was scared that someday Romulus and Remus would overthrow him and take his throne. So he had the boys left in a basket on the Tiber River. He figured they would soon die.

The boys were found by a she-wolf, who cared for them and protected them from other wild animals. A friendly woodpecker helped to find them food. Eventually some shepherds happened across the twins. One shepherd took the boys home and raised them as his own children.

As the boys grew older they became natural leaders. One day Remus was captured and taken to the king, where he discovered his true identity. Romulus gathered some shepherds to rescue his brother. They ended up killing the king. When the city learned who the boys were, they offered to crown them as joint kings. They could be rulers of their homeland. However, they turned down the crowns because they wanted to found their own city. The twins left and set out to find the perfect spot for their city.

The twins eventually came to the place where Rome is located today. They both liked the general area, but each wanted to place the city on a different hill. Romulus wanted the city to be on top of Palatine Hill while Remus preferred Aventine Hill. They agreed to wait for an augury (a sign from the Gods) to determine which hill to use. Remus saw the sign of six vultures first, but Romulus saw twelve. Each thought they had won.

Romulus went ahead and started building a wall around Palantine Hill. However, Remus was jealous and began to make fun of Romulus' wall. At one point Remus jumped over the wall to show how easy it was to cross. Romulus became angry and killed Remus!

With Remus dead, Romulus continued to work on his city. He officially founded the city on in 753 BC, making himself king, and naming it Rome after himself. From there he began to organize the city. He divided his army into legions he called his most noble men the Patricians and the elders of Rome the Senate. The city grew and prospered. Rome would be one of the most powerful cities in the world for over a thousand years!



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Draw a Romulus and Remus Comic Strip

The story of Romulus and Remus is a **myth**.

A **myth** is a type of story. Every culture around the world has its own myths. Myths are traditional stories used to tell about the history of a people, or explain the natural world. Myths often involve supernatural beings like Gods, and things that seem magical or impossible



How much can you remember about the myth of Romulus and Remus?

Can you turn the story into a comic strip? Try to recall the main characters and events, and see how different your version is from your friends'. Remember, stories change a lot over time, and often it's because people remember things differently. So if you don't remember it the same as someone else, you're just writing a different version!

Use the boxes below to draw out your comic strip, or use separate paper if you need more space.



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