

- 103 BCE Third consulship of Gaius Marius.**
- 102-101 BCE Fourth and fifth consulship of Gaius Marius. Q. Lutatius Catulus was his colleague in term four.**
Threat of invasion from the Cimbri led the Senate and people of Rome to continue to accept Marius' leadership.
- 102 BCE Battle of Aquae Sextiae.**
The "invading" Celtic tribes had split into two groups. One moved west and followed the Alps south into Italy. Marius' legions met them at Aquae Sextiae and defeated them utterly. The survivors were sold as slaves. In the novel, *GETORIX: The Eagle and The Bull*, Brosch and her brothers are survivors of this battle. She tells Getorix the Celtic version of Marius' trickery that led to his victory.
- 101 BCE Late summer. Battle of Vercellae.**
Proconsul Quintus Lutatius Catulus, was officially the general at this battle. However, Marius had disposed of the spoils and survivors of the Battle of Aquae Sextiae quickly and joined his forces with Catulus.
- 101 BCE December 1. Roman triumph celebrating the victories over the "Cimbri and Germans."**
This triumph celebration frames the opening scene of the novel, *GETORIX: The Eagle and The Bull*.
- 100 BCE Marius' sixth consulship.**
- 100 BCE Birth of Gaius Julius Caesar (to become "Caesar the Dictator")**
- 90-88 BCE "Social Wars."**
Rebellion of Rome's Italian "allies" against Roman policy of demanding military support without recognizing the allies as equals.
- 86 BCE Gaius Marius' seventh term a consul and his death.**
- 73-71 BCE "Slave Wars." – Rebellion led by Spartacus**
- 59-54 BCE First triumvirate of Julius Caesar, Pompey and Crassus.**
- 58-50 BCE "Caesar's Gallic Wars."**
- 44 BCE Julius Caesar assassinated**
- 27 BCE End of the Republic. Beginning of the Empire.**
After a period of civil war, Octavian, Julius Caesar's great nephew and adopted heir, was recognized as Augustus Caesar.
- 306 - 337 CE Reign of Emperor Constantine.**
Christianity was adopted as the official state religion, and the imperial capital moved from Rome to Constantinople.
- 410 CE Alric the Goth sacks Rome.**