

PUNIC WARS—CHARACTERS

274 TO 146 B.C.

FIRST PUNIC WAR TO DESTRUCTION OF CARTHAGE

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- Regulus** 300–250 BC Captured by Carthage in first Punic war; urged Rome keep fighting at cost of his life.
- Xanthippus** ~ 255 BC Spartan mercenary general in first Punic War; captured Regulus, led Carthage to victories.
- Hamilcar** d. 229 BC Carthage's most able general in first Punic War; father of Hannibal.

SECOND PUNIC WAR

- Hannibal** 247–182 BC Carthaginian general who invaded and laid waste to Italy for sixteen years.
- Fabius Cunctator** 250–203 BC Elected dictator to resist Hannibal; counseled delay, not direct assault.
- Cornelius Scipio** d. 211 BC Tried to intercept Hannibal in Gaul, but was defeated at Ticino River and Trebbia.
- Aemilius Paulus** d. 216 BC Consul at the *Battle of Cannae*; opposed the confrontation, but died on battlefield.
- Varro** ~ 216 BC Led Rome to disastrous defeat at Cannae. Survived and tried to rally the troops.
- Marcellus** 268–208 BC Besieged Syracuse during the second Punic War, but the ingenious war weapons of Archimedes frustrated the Romans.
- Hasdrubal Barca** d. 207 BC Fought against Scipio in Spain; killed after he crossed the Alps to aid Hannibal.
- Masinissa** 238–148 BC King of Numidia, allied with Rome against Carthage; fought at Zama.
- Scipio Africanus** 234–149 BC Roman hero of second Punic War. Led armies in Spain and Africa. Defeated Hannibal at Zama.

THIRD PUNIC WAR

- Cato (the censor)** 234–149 BC Roman censor, urged destruction of Carthage before third Punic War.
- Scipio the Younger** 185–129 BC Led the siege of Carthage during the third Punic War.
- Polybius** 203–120 BC Taken as Greek hostage during Macedonian wars; historian of Punic Wars.

MACEDONIA WARS

- Flaminius** 230–175 BC Led Rome against Philip V in second Macedonian War.
- Aemilius Paulus** 229–160 BC Led Rome against Macedonia at the *Battle of Pydna* and was victorious.