

PUNIC WARS—TIMELINE

274 TO 146 B.C.

FIRST PUNIC WAR TO DESTRUCTION OF CARTHAGE

- 264-242 [First Punic War](#)
- 264 Rome intervenes in a land war against Carthage in Sicily..
 - 260 Roman naval victory at *Battle of Mylae*.
 - 256 Roman victory at *Battle of Ecnomus*—the largest naval battle of the age.
 - 253 Defeat and capture of [Regulus](#) at *Battle of Bagradas*.
 - 250 Regulus defies Carthage and is murdered
- 219-202 [Second Punic War](#)
- 219 Hannibal lays siege to Saguntum, a Roman ally, on the coast of Spain.
 - 218 Hannibal crosses the Alps and meets a Roman army at the *Battle of Trebia River*.
 - 217 An Roman legion is ambushed and Consul is killed the *Battle of Lake Trasimene*.
 - 216 Low point: Roman disaster at *Battle of Cannae*.
 - 212 Death of [Archimedes](#) at the *Siege of Syracuse*.
 - 207 [Hasdrubal Barca](#) killed at the *Battle of Metaurus River*.
 - 202 Carthage decisively defeated by [Scipio Africanus](#) at the *Battle of Zama*.
- 214-205 [First Macedonian War](#)—Inconclusive
- 200-196 [Second Macedonian War](#)—Roman victory at *Battle of Cynoscephalae*.
- 190 [Wars of Antiochus the Great](#)—Antiochus III of Syria defeated at *Magnesia*.
 - 168 [Third Macedonian War](#)—Roman victory at *Battle of Pydna*.
- 149-146 [Third Punic War](#)—Carthage destroyed
- 146 Rome destroys Corinth after putting down a rebellion of the [Achaean League](#)