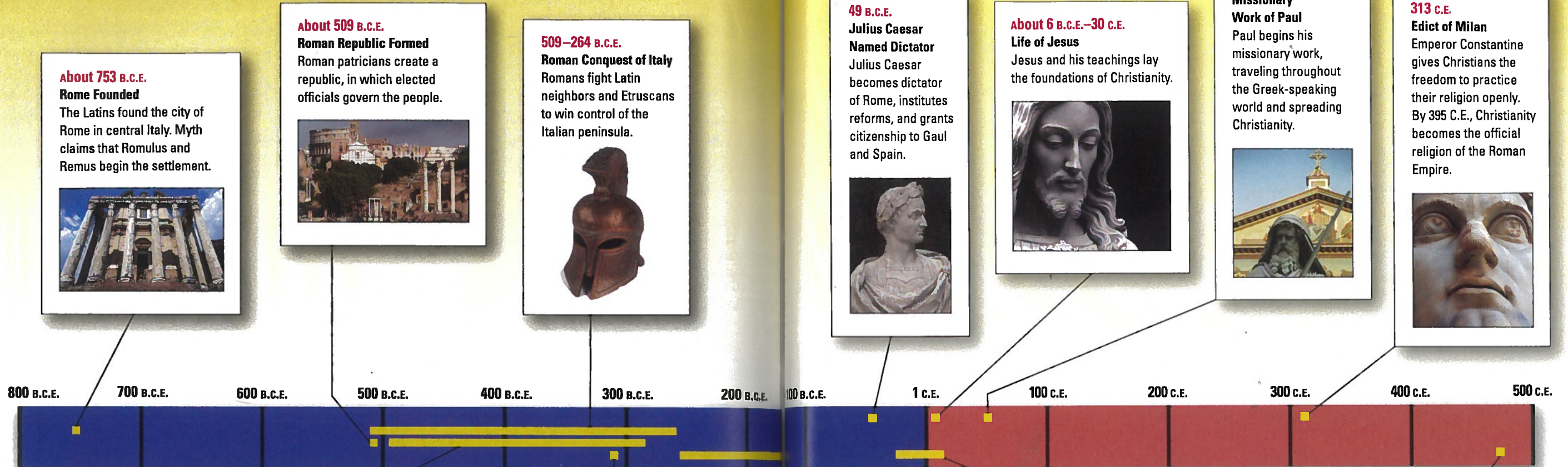



Ancient Rome



**About 753 B.C.E.**  
**Rome Founded**  
 The Latins found the city of Rome in central Italy. Myth claims that Romulus and Remus begin the settlement.




**About 509 B.C.E.**  
**Roman Republic Formed**  
 Roman patricians create a republic, in which elected officials govern the people.



**509–264 B.C.E.**  
**Roman Conquest of Italy**  
 Romans fight Latin neighbors and Etruscans to win control of the Italian peninsula.




**494–287 B.C.E.**  
**Plebeians Rebel**  
 The government of the Roman Republic becomes more democratic as laws are written that protect plebeians' rights.




**312 B.C.E.**  
**First Roman Road**  
 The Roman military builds the Appian Way, first of the Roman roads. About 50,000 miles of paved roads are built by the Romans, setting the standard of road building for the next 2,000 years.




**49 B.C.E.**  
**Julius Caesar Named Dictator**  
 Julius Caesar becomes dictator of Rome, institutes reforms, and grants citizenship to Gaul and Spain.




**About 6 B.C.E.–30 C.E.**  
**Life of Jesus**  
 Jesus and his teachings lay the foundations of Christianity.



**About 47 C.E.**  
**Missionary Work of Paul**  
 Paul begins his missionary work, traveling throughout the Greek-speaking world and spreading Christianity.




**313 C.E.**  
**Edict of Milan**  
 Emperor Constantine gives Christians the freedom to practice their religion openly. By 395 C.E., Christianity becomes the official religion of the Roman Empire.



**264–146 B.C.E.**  
**Punic Wars**  
 In a series of three wars, Rome defeats Carthage to become the greatest power in the Mediterranean region.



**31 B.C.E.–14 C.E.**  
**Reign of Emperor Augustus**  
 After Caesar's death in 44 B.C.E., Augustus begins the Roman Empire and expands its boundaries during the Pax Romana.



**476 C.E.**  
**Fall of Western Roman Empire**  
 The western part of the Roman Empire falls. The eastern part of the empire continues as the Byzantine Empire.

