

XXV. COMMODUS AND THE SEVERAN DYNASTY

1. Describe Commodus' personality. Give examples of his actions that support your ideas about his personality.
2. How did Commodus die?
3. Why was Pertinax killed?
4. How much did Didius Julianus pay for the throne? How long did he rule?
5. Where was Septimius Severus born?
6. Name Septimius Severus' wife and two sons.
7. What did the titles "Caesar" and "Augustus" mean during this time period?
8. How did Septimius Severus die? What was his advice to his sons?
9. How did Geta die?
10. Why did Caracalla have to raise taxes?
11. Who killed Caracalla?



12. Who was proclaimed emperor after Caracalla's death?
13. How was Julia Maesa related to Septimius Severus?
14. Who was Julia Maesa's grandson, and what rumor did she create about him?
15. How old was Elagabalus when he became emperor? Who was really running the empire at this time?
16. Why did Elagabalus try to kill Severus Alexander?
17. How old was Elagabalus when he was killed?
18. Who was really running the empire while Severus Alexander was emperor?
19. Who was the commander of the legion that mutinied and killed Severus Alexander?

