The Roman Republic A republic is a form of government where people elect representatives to govern them. The Roman Republic lasted from about 509 B.C.E. to about 27 B.C.E. Although specifics changed over time, it followed roughly this structure. **CITIZENS* CITIZENS* NONCITIZENS** 1. PATRICIANS -2. PLEBEIANS slaves, common people wealthiest, foreigners, most respected (farmers, merchants, etc. families soldiers, etc.) women weren't full citizens and couldn't vote VARIOUS CITIZENS' ASSEMBLIES elect meet to discuss issues, pass laws, Preview Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet. retirea mempers must have veto are part of served as other magistrates first SENATE most powerful governing body part of and • influences almost all aspects of can appoint law and government people to • 300+ members DICTATOR in times of 1 person with total control emergency, can appoint • meant to last 6 months maximum

End of the Republic

As Rome expanded and became the Roman Empire, ruling power was concentrated in the emperor. Positions and bodies like the magistrates and Senate remained, but they were mostly used to carry out the emperor's wishes.