

Character Study: Romulus

Was Romulus a great man or not? Was he someone we want to look up to as a role model? Would we want to have him as a father or friend?

To help you think about it and decide, complete these activities:


Deeds of Romulus:

- A. Avenged his grandfather and mother by killing his wicked uncle;
- B. Set out to start a new city with his brother Remus;
- C. Killed Remus in a dispute over who should be king;
- D. Invited people who needed a new start to live in his city;
- E. When they could not get wives freely, Romulus made a plan to steal them;
- F. He encouraged the Romans to treat their wives well;
- G. Fought wars to protect Rome from neighbors who tried to conquer her;
- H. Invited the Sabines to share life and rule in Rome;
- I. Began the senate to allow others to help him rule;
- J.

- **Read the list of Romulus' deeds.** Add any others you may think of.
- Decide if each is positive or negative. **Write the letter of the deed in the column where you think it belongs.**

Positive

Negative

- Which is heavier on your scale?
(circle one)
positive or negative

- **In the following list, circle the character traits which you think Romulus had.**

ambition	contentment	perseverance
patience	sense of being destined for greatness	
humility	courage	able to inspire others
sense of justice	resourcefulness	pride
concern for his honor	vision of future	loyalty
devotion to gods	ruthlessness	wisdom



• So, is Romulus someone you want to be like?
Why or why not?