

**Marcus Tullius Cicero** (106 – 43 BC) was a Roman philosopher, statesman, lawyer, political theorist, and Roman constitutionalist. Cicero is widely considered one of Rome's greatest orators and prose stylists.



He introduced the Romans to the chief schools of Greek philosophy and created a Latin philosophical vocabulary, distinguishing himself as a linguist, translator, and philosopher. An impressive orator and successful lawyer. His voluminous correspondence, much of it addressed to his friend Atticus, has been especially influential, introducing the art of refined letter writing to European culture.

During the chaotic latter half of the first century B.C. marked by civil wars and the dictatorship of Gaius Julius Caesar, Cicero championed a return to the traditional republican government. However, his career as a statesman was marked by inconsistencies and a tendency to shift his position in response to changes in the political climate.

(Source:  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cicero>)

#### Chronology

All dates are B.C. Chronology of writing and publication of some of Cicero's works is uncertain.

106 Cicero born at Arpinum

104 Brother Quintus born

90 Cicero's military service in the Social War

81 *Pro P. Quinctio*

80 *Pro Sex. Roscio Amerino*

79 Cicero travels to Athens and Rhodes to continue education (returns in 77)

77 Cicero marries Terentia (?) *Pro Q. Roscio Comoedo* (?)

75 Cicero quaestor in Sicily

70 Divinatio in Caecilius In Verrem

69 Cicero aedile *Pro A. Caecina*, *Pro M. Fonteio*, *Pro M. Tullio*

66 Cicero praetor *Pro Cluentio*, *Pro Lege Manilia*

65 Son Marcus born

63 Cicero consul *In Catilinam* *Pro Murena*, *Pro C. Rabirio perduellionis*, *De Lege Agraria*

62 Cicero testifies against Clodius in the Bona Dea trial *Pro Archia*, *Pro Sulla*

59 *Pro Flacco*

58 Cicero exiled (goes to northern Greece)

57 Cicero recalled from exile *De Domo Sua*, *Post Reditum ad Quirites*, *Post Reditum ad Senatum*

56 *Pro Balbo*, *Pro Caelio*, *Pro Sestio In Vatinius*, *De Haruspicio*, *Responsis De Provinciis Consularibus*

55 *De Oratore*, *In Pisonem*

54 *Pro Plancio*, *Pro C. Rabirio Postumo*

53 Tiro freed

52 *Pro Milone*

51 Cicero proconsul of Cilicia (until middle of following year) *De Republica*, *De Legibus*

47 Cicero divorces Terentia  
46 Cicero marries and divorces Publilia  
Brutus *De Optimo Genere Oratorum*,  
*Orator Paradoxa Stoicorum*, *Pro*  
*Ligario*, *Pro Marcello*  
45 Tullia dies Academica *De Finibus*  
*Disputationes Tusculanae*, *Pro Rege*  
*Deiotaro*  
44 Topica *De Senectute*, *De Amicitia*,  
*De Divinatione*, *De Officiis Philippicae*  
43 Cicero (and Quintus) proscribed and  
killed *Philippicae*

(Source:

<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/classics/documents/Cic.html>)

