

auguries

omens or signs of things that will happen in the future

Campus Martius

Latin for 'Field of Mars'; a 2-square-kilometre area of publically owned open ground surrounded by public buildings in the time of Augustus

Capitol

the southern summit of the Capitoline Hill, the symbolic centre of the Roman world and home to the city's three most important temples

deified

exalted to the rank of deity or god

despot

an absolute ruler who uses terror and violence to maintain power

druidism

a Celtic pagan cult led by a priestly class of druids

imperium

the power to command, including an army, held by consuls, praetors, dictators, pro-consuls and pro-praetors

pomerium

a sacred boundary around Rome which no Roman in arms was permitted to cross except in triumph

Praetorian Guard

an elite body of troops within the army that protected the princeps and the imperial household

princeps iuventutis

First among the youth'; an honorary title for young princes destined to rule

principate

a form of government led by a princeps or 'first man/citizen'

succession

the order or line of those entitled to succeed or follow

treason

the betrayal by a person of their allegiance to the sovereign or state

tribunician power

the right of veto against the election and actions of magistrates and against the decrees of the Senate