Marcus Tullius Cicero[1] (Latin: Marcus Tullius Cicerō;[2] August 3 January 106 BC – 7 December 43 BC) was a Roman politician and orator, and served as consul in the year 63 BC. He was a member of the influential political family of the Tullii, and is considered one of Rome's greatest orators and prose stylists.[3]

Cicero's influence on the Latin language is so immense that the subsequent history of prose, not only in Latin but in European languages up to the 19th century, was said to be either a reaction against or a return to his style.[4] According to Michael Grant, "the influence of Cicero upon the history of European literature and ideas greatly exceeds that of any other prose writer in any language."[5] Cicero introduced the Romans to the chief schools of Greek philosophy and created a Latin philosophical vocabulary (with neologisms such as evidentiāria, humanitas, qualitas, quantitas, and essentia) distinguishing himself as a translator and philosopher.

Though he was an accomplished orator and successful lawyer, Cicero believed his political career was his most important achievement. During his consulship the second Catoian conspiracy attempted to overthrow the government through an attack on the city by outside forces, and Cicero suppressed the revolt by executing five conspirators without due process. During the chaotic latter half of the 1st century BC marked by civil wars and the dictatorship of Gaius Julius Caesar, Cicero championed a return to the traditional republican government. Following Julius Caesar's death, Cicero became an enemy of Mark Antony in the ensuing power struggle, attacking him in a series of speeches. He was proscribed as an enemy of the state by the Second Triumvirate and consequently executed by soldiers operating on their behalf in 43 BC after having been intercepted during attempted flight from the Italian peninsula. His severed hands and head were then, as a final revenge of Mark Antony, displayed in the Roman Forum.

Petronii's rediscovery of Cicero's letters is often credited for initiating the 14th-century Renaissance in public affairs, humanism, and classical Roman culture.[6] According to Polish historian Tadeusz Zieliński, "the Renaissance was above all things a revival of Cicero, and only after him and through him of the rest of Classical antiquity."[7] The peak of Cicero's authority and prestige came during the final years of the Roman Republic.[8] His works range among the most influential in European culture, and today still constitute one of the most important bodies of primary material for the writing and revision of Roman history, especially the last days of the Roman Republic.[9]

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Personal life
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Early life
Cicero was born in 106 BC in Arpinum, a hill town 100 kilometers (62 mi) southeast of Rome. His father was a well-to-do member of the equestrian order and possessed good connections in Rome. However, being a semi-invalid, he could not enter public life and studied extensively to compensate. Although little is known about Cicero's mother, Helvia, it was common for the wives of important Roman citizens to be responsible for the management of the household. Cicero's brother Quintus wrote in a letter that she was a thrifty housewife.[10] Cicero's cognomen, or personal surname, comes from the Latin for chickpea, cicer. Plutarch explains that the name was originally given to one of Cicero's ancestors who had a hump in the tip of his nose resembling a chickpea. However, it is more likely that Cicero's ancestors prospered through the cultivation and sale of chickpeas.[11] Romans often chose down-to-earth personal surnames: the famous family names of Fabius, Lentulus, and Piso come from the Latin names of beans, lentils, and peas, respectively. Plutarch writes that Cicero was urged to change this deprecatory name when he entered politics, but refused, saying that he would make Cicero more glorious than Scatula ("Swollen-ankled") and Catus ("Puppy.").[12]

During this period in Roman history, "cultured" meant being able to speak both Latin and Greek. Cicero was therefore educated in the teachings of the ancient Greek philosophers, poets and historians; he obtained much of his understanding of the theory and practice of rhetoric from the Greek poet Aeschylos.[13] According to the Greek rhetorician Apollonius of Rhodes, Cicero used his knowledge of Greek to translate many of the theoretical concepts of Greek philosophy into Latin, thus translating Greek philosophical works for a larger audience. It was precisely his broad education that tied him to the traditional Roman elite.[14]

According to Plutarch, Cicero was an extremely talented student, whose learning attracted attention from all over Rome,[15] affording him the opportunity to study Roman law under Quintus Mucius Scaevola.[16] Cicero's fellow students were Gaius Marius Minor, Gaius Marcius, and Servius Sulpicius Rufus (who became a famous lawyer, one of the few whom Cicero considered superior to himself in legal matters), and Titus Pomponius. The latter two became Cicero's friends for life, and Pomponius (who later received the nickname "Atticus", and whose sister married Cicero's brother) would become, in Cicero's own words, "as a second brother", with both maintaining a lifelong correspondence.[17]

Cicero wanted to pursue a public career in politics along the steps of the Cursus honorum. In 90 BC–88 BC, he served both Gnaeus Pompeius Strabo and Lucius Cornelius Sulla as they campaigned in the Social War, though he had no taste for military life, being an intellectual first and foremost. Cicero started his career as a lawyer around 83–81 BC. His first major case, of which a written record is still extant, was his 80 BC defense of Sextus Roscius on the charge of patricide.[18] Taking Cicero as a courageous move for Cicero; patricide was considered an appalling crime, and the people whom Cicero accused of the murder, the most notorious being Chrystogonus, were favorites of Sulla. At this time it would have been easy for Sulla to have the unknown Cicero...
Cicero's defense was an indirect challenge to the dictator Sulla, and on the strength of his case, Roscius was acquitted. His social class and loyalty to the Republic ensured that he would "command the support and confidence of the people as well as the Italian middle classes". The optimates faction never truly accepted Cicero; and this undermined his efforts to reform the Republic while preserving the senatorial power. Nevertheless, he successfully ascended the cursus honorum, holding each magistracy at or near the youngest possible age; quaeestor in 75 BC (age 31), aedile in 69 BC (age 37), and praetor in 68 BC (age 40), when he was elected consul of the "Reclamation" (or extortion) Court. He was then elected consul for the year 63 BC. His co-consul for the year, Gaius Antonius Hybrida, played a minor role. During his year in office, he thwarted a conspiracy centered on assassinating him and overthrowing the senatus consultum ultimum. At first Decimus Silanus, working with the Gauls, was able to seize letters that incriminated the five conspirators and forced them to confess in front of the Tullianum. Cicero received the honorific "Pater Patriae".
for his efforts to suppress the conspiracy, but lived thereafter in fear of trial or exile for having put Roman citizens to death without trial. After the conspirators were put to death, Cicero was proud of his accomplishment. Some of his political enemies argued that though the act gained Cicero popularity, he exaggerated the number of lives that he had saved, and he was eventually banished from the Republic.

Exile and return

In 60 BC, Julius Caesar invited Cicero to be the fourth member of his existing partnership with Pompey and Marcus Licinius Crassus, an assembly that would eventually be called the First Triumvirate. Cicero refused the invitation because he suspected it would undermine the Republic.

In 58 BC, Publius Clodius Pulcher, the tribune of the plebs, introduced a law (the Leges Clodiae) threatening exile to anyone who executed a Roman citizen without a trial. Cicero, having executed members of the Catiline Conspiracy four years previously without formal trial, and having a public falling out with Clodius, was clearly the intended target of the law. Cicero argued that the senatus consultum ultimum indemnified him from punishment, and he attempted to gain the support of the senators and consuls, especially of Pompey. When help was not forthcoming, he went into exile. He arrived at Thessalonica, on May 23, 58 BC. Cicero's exile caused him to fall into depression. He wrote to Atticus: "Your pleas have prevented me from committing suicide. But what is there to live for? Don't blame me for complaining. My afflictions surpass any you ever heard of earlier."

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Julius Caesar's civil war

The struggle between Pompey and Julius Caesar grew more intense in 50 BC. Cicero favoured Pompey, seeing him as a defender of the Senate and Roman Republic, but at that time avoided openly alienating Caesar. When Caesar invaded Italy in 49 BC, Cicero fled Rome. Caesar, seeking the legitimacy of an endorsement by a senior senator, courted Cicero's favor, and he went to meet Caesar in Brundisium. Caesar praised Cicero, giving him a resounding welcome, and he treated Cicero as a close friend.

As the conflict between Caesar and Pompey's forces escalated, Cicero continued to campaign against Pompey. He wrote to Quintus Cato, one of the consuls, urging him not to join the conspiracy against Caesar. In October 49 BC, Cicero wrote to his brother Quintus, reporting that he had been appointed one of the consuls for the following year. Cicero was considering a political career, and he hoped that he would be restored along with him. Cicero's exile caused him to fall into depression. He wrote to Atticus: "Your pleas have prevented me from committing suicide. But what is there to live for? Don't blame me for complaining. My afflictions surpass any you ever heard of earlier."

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Opposition to Mark Antony and death

Cicero and Antony now became the two leading men in Rome– Cicero as spokesman for the Senate; Antony as consul, leader of the optimates. Antony proposed a law to drive out Antony failed. Antony and Octavian reconciled and allied with the triumvirs. Antony was assassinated on the Ides of March, 44 BC. Cicero was not included in the conspiracy, even though the conspirators were sure of his sympathy. Marcus Junius Brutus called out Cicero's name, asking him to restore the republic when he lifted his bloodstained dagger after the assassination. A letter Cicero wrote in February 43 BC to Trebonius, one of the conspirators, began, "How I wished that you had invited me to that the most glorious banquet on the ides of March!"

Cicero supported Decimus Junius Brutus Abbinus as governor of Cisalpine Gaul (Gaia Cisalpina) and urged the Senate to name Antony an enemy of the state. The speech of Lucius Piso, Caesar's father-in-law, delayed proceedings against Antony. Antony was later declared an enemy of the state when he refused to lift the siege of Mutina, which was in the hands of Decimus Brutus. Cicero's plan to drive out Antony failed. Antony and Octavian reconciled and allied with Lepidus to form the Second Triumvirate after the successive battles of Forum Gallicum and Mutina. The Triumvirate began proscribing their enemies and potential rivals immediately after legislating the alliance into official existence for a term of five years with consular imperium. Cicero and all of his contacts and supporters were numbered among the enemies of the state, and reportedly, Octavian argued for two days against Cicero being added to the list.

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Cicero's career as a statesman was marked by inconsistencies and a tendency to shift his position in response to changes in the political climate. His indecision may be attributed to his sensitive and impressionable personality; he was prone to overreaction in the face of political and private change. "Would that he had been able to endure prosperity with greater self-control, and adversity with more fortitude!" wrote John William Mackail, a freed slave of his brother Quintus Cicero.

Cicero's last words are said to have been, "There is nothing proper about what you are doing, soldier, but do try to kill me properly." He bowed to his captors, leaving his head out of the litter in a gladiatorial gesture to ease the task. By baring his neck and threat to the soldiers, he was indicating that he wouldn't resist. According to Plutarch, Herennius first slew him, then cut off his head. On Antony's instructions his hands, which had been pinned the Philippians against Antony, were cut off as well; these were nailed along with his head on the Rostra in the Forum Romanum according to the tradition of Marcus and Sulla, both of whom had displayed the heads of their enemies in the Forum. Cicero was the only victim of the consuls who was displayed in that manner. According to Cassius Dio (in a story often mistakenly attributed to Plutarch), Antony's wife Fulvia took Cicero's head, pulled out his tongue, and jabbed it repeatedly with her hairpin in final revenge against Cicero's power of speech.

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Julius Caesar’s death (France, 15th century)
teaching curricula, as suggested by a graffiti at Pompeii, admonishing: “You will like Cicero, or you will be whipped.”[81] Cicero was greatly admired by influential Church Fathers such as Augustine of Hippo, who credited Cicero’s lost Hortensius for his eventual conversion to Christianity,[92] and St. Jerome, who had a teuver vision in which he was accused of being “follower of Cicero and not of Christ” before the judgment seat.[93] This influence further increased after the Early Middle Ages, in which more of his writings survived than any other Latin author. Medieval philosophers were influenced by Cicero’s writings on natural law and innate rights.

Petarrach’s rediscovery of Cicero’s letters provided the impetus for searches for ancient Greek and Latin writings scattered throughout European monasteries, and the subsequent rediscovery of classical antiquity led to the Renaissance. Subsequently, Cicero became synonymous with classical Latin to such an extent that a number of humanist scholars began to assert that no Latin word or phrase should be unused unless it appeared in Cicero’s works, a stance criticized by Erasmus.[94]

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. Cornelius Nepos, the 1st century BC biographer of Atticus, remarked that Cicero’s letters contained such a wealth of detail “concerning the inclinations of leading men, the faults of the generals, and the revolutions in the government” that their reader had little need for a history of the period.[95]

Among Cicero’s admirers were Desiderius Erasmus, Martin Luther, and John Locke.[96] Following the invention of Johannes Gutenberg’s printing press, *De Officiis* was the second book printed in Europe, after the Gutenberg Bible. Scholars note Cicero’s influence on the rebirth of religious toleration in the 17th century.[97]

While Cicero the humanist deeply influenced the culture of the Renaissance, Cicero the republican inspired the Founding Fathers of the United States and the revolutionaries of the French Revolution.[98] John Adams said, “As all the ages of the world have not produced a greater statesman and philosopher united than Cicero, his authority should have great weight.”[99] Jefferson names Cicero as one of a handful of major figures who contributed to a tradition “of public right” that informed his draft of the Declaration of Independence and shaped American understandings of “the common sense” basis for the right of revolution.[100] Camille Desmoulins said of the French republicans in 1789 that they were “mostly young people who, nourished by the reading of Cicero at school, had become passionate enthusiasts for liberty.”[101]

Jim Powell starts his book on the history of liberty with the sentence: “Marcus Tullius Cicero expressed principles that became the bedrock of liberty in the modern world.”[92]

Likewise, no other ancient personality has inspired as much venomous dislike as Cicero, especially in more modern times. [3] His commitment to the values of the Republic accommodated a hatred of the poor and persistent opposition to the advocates and mechanisms of popular representation.[102] Friedrich Engels referred to him as “the most contemptible scoundrel in history” for upholding republican “democracy” while at the same time denouncing land and class reforms.[103] Cicero has faced criticism for exaggerating the democratic qualities of republican Rome, and for defending the Roman oligarchy against the popular reforms of Caesar.[104] Michael Parenti admits Cicero’s abilities as an orator, but finds him a vain, pompous and hypocritical personality who, when it suited him, could show public support for popular causes that he privately despised. Parenti presents Cicero’s prosecution of the Catiline conspiracy as legally flawed at least, and possibly unlawful.[105]

Cicero also had an influence on modern astronomy. Nicolaus Copernicus, searching for ancient views on earth motion, said that he “first… found in Cicero that Hicetas supposed the earth to move.”[98]

**Works**

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Cicero was declared a righteous pagan by the Early Church,[99] and therefore many of his works were deemed worthy of preservation. The Bogomils considered him a rare exception of a pagan saint.[160] Subsequent Roman and medieval Christian writers quoted liberally from his works *De Re Publica* (On the Commonwealth) and *De Legibus* (On the Laws), and much of his work has been recreated from these surviving fragments. Cicero also articulated an early, abstract conceptualization of rights, based on ancient law and custom. Of Cicero’s books, six on rhetoric have survived, as well as parts of eight on philosophy. Of his speeches, 88 were recorded, but only 58 survive.

**Speeches**

- (81 BC) *Pro Quinctio* (In Defense of Quinctius)
- (80 BC) *Pro Roscio Amerino* (In Defense of Roscius of Aemina)
- (70 BC) *In Verrem* (Against Verres)
- (69 BC) *Pro Fonteio* (In Defense of Fonteius)
- (69 BC) *Pro Caecina* (In Defense of Caecina)
- (66 BC) *Pro Cluentio* (In Defense of Cluentius)
- (66 BC) *De Impero Gnaii Pompei* or *De Lage Manilia* (On the Command of Gnaeus Pompey)
- (63 BC) *De Laga Agraria* (On the Agrarian Law proposed by Servilius Rufus)
- (63 BC) *In Catilinam* (Against Catiline)
- (63 BC) *Pro Rabino Perduelliones Reo* (In Defense of Rabinius)
- (62 BC) *Pro Sulla* (In Defense of Sulla)
- (62 BC) *Pro Archia Poeta* (In Defense of Archias the Poet)
- (59 BC) *Pro Flacco* (In Defense of Flaccus)
- (57 BC) *Post Reddum in Sinatu* (Speech to the Senate After His Return)
- (57 BC) *Post Reddum ad Quintus* (Speech to the People After His Return)
- (57 BC) *De Domo Sua* (On His House)
- (57 BC) *De Haruspicum Responsum* (On the Response of the Haruspices)
- (56 BC) *Pro Sestio* (In Defense of Sestius)
- (56 BC) *In Vatinium* (Cross-examination of Vatinus)
- (56 BC) *Pro Caelio* (In Defense of Caelius)
- (56 BC) *De Provincis Consularibus* (On the Consular Provinces)
- (56 BC) *Pro Babo* (In Defense of Babus)
- (55 BC) *In Pisonem* (Against Piso)
- (54 BC) *Pro Rabino Postumo* (In Defense of Rabinius Postumus)
- (52 BC) *Pro Milone* (In Defense of Milo)
- (46 BC) *Pro Marcello* (In Support of the Recall of Marcellus)
- (46 BC) *Pro Ligario* (In Defense of Ligarius)
- (45 BC) *Pro Deiotaro* (In Defense of King Deiotaros)
- (44–43 BC) *Philippicæ* (Philippics, against Mark Antony)[101]

**Philosophical dialogues and treatises**

- (84 BC) *De Inventione* (About the composition of arguments)
- (55 BC) *De Oratore ad Quintum fratrem libri tres* (On the Orator, three books for his brother Quintus)
- (51 BC) *De Re Publica* (On the Commonwealth)
- (?? BC) *De Legibus* (On the Laws)
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Letters

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Notable fictional portrayals

Ben Jonson dramatised the conspiracy of Catiline in his play Catiline His Conspiracy, featuring Cicero as a character. Cicero also appears as a minor character in William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar.

Cicero was portrayed on the motion picture screen by British actor Alan Napier in the 1953 film Julius Caesar, based on Shakespeare's play. He has also been played by such noted actors as Michael Hordern (in Cleopatra), and André Morell (in the 1970 Julius Caesar). Most recently, Cicero was portrayed by David Bamber in the HBO series Rome (2005–2007) and appeared in both seasons.

In the historical novel series Masters of Rome, Colleen McCullough presents an unflattering depiction of Cicero's career, showing him struggling with an inferiority complex and vanity, morally flexible and fatally indecisive, while his rival Julius Caesar is shown in a more approving light. Cicero is portrayed as a hero in the novel A Pillar of Iron by Taylor Caldwell (1969). Robert Harris' novels Imperium, Lustrum (published under the name Conspirata in the United States) and Dictator is the three-part novel series based upon the life of Cicero. In these novels Cicero's character is depicted in a more balanced way than in those of McCullough, with his positive traits equaling or outweighing his weaknesses (while conversely Caesar is depicted as more sinister than in McCullough). Cicero is a major recurring character in the Roma Sub Rosa series of mystery novels by Steven Saylor. He also appears several times as a peripheral character in John Maddox Roberts' SPQR series. The protagonist, Decius Metellus, admires Cicero for his erudition, but is disappointed by his lack of real opposition to Caesar, as well as puzzled by his relentless tawling to the Optimates, who secretly despise Cicero as a parvenu.

See also

- A Dialogue Concerning Oratorical Partitions
- Caelius Atticus
- Caelius Metellus (father of Metellus Celer)
- Marcus Tullius Marcellus
- Marcus Tullius Tiro
- Otium
- Paradoxa Stoicorum
- Quintus Tullius Cicero
- Servius Sulpicius Rufus
- Titus Pomponius Attius
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### Cardinal virtues

| Prudence (Prudentia - Justice (Justitiae) - Fortitude (Fortitudinis) - Temperance (Temperantiae) |
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| Sources: Plato (Republic Book VI) - Cicero - St Augustine of Hippo - St Thomas Aquinas - CCCC, 1805-1809 |

### Theological virtues

| Faith (Fides) - Hope (Spes) - Charity (Caritas) |
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| Sources: Paul the Apostle (1 Corinthians 13) - CCCC, 1812-1829 |

### Seven heavenly virtues

| Chastity (Castitatis) - Temperance (Temperantiae) - Charity (Caritas) - Diligence (Industria) - Patience (Patientia) - Kindness (Humanitas) - Humility (Humilitatis) |
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| Sources: Church Fathers |

### Seven deadly sins

| Lust (Luxuria) - Gluttony (Gula) - Greed (Avaritia) - Sloth (Acedia) - Wrath (Ira) - Envy (Invidia) - Pride (Superbia) |
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| Source: Prudentius, Psychomachia |

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## Catholic virtue ethics

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**Great Commandment:** "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." - Matthew 22:37-40

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### Volume I

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