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| **Samnite Wars** |
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| Chronology |
| First Samnite War (344 to 341 BC) |
| 343 BC – Start of the First Samnite War. |
| 342 BC – Battle of Mount Gaurus. |
| 341 BC – Rome withdraws from the conflict with the Samnites and enters the Latin War on the side of the Samnites. |
| Second (or Great) Samnite War (326 to 304 BC) |
| 327 BC – The Samnites declared war. |
| 327 BC – Start of the Roman siege of Neapolis. |
| 326 BC – Capture of Neapolis (Naples). |
| 325 BC – Land of the Vestini ravaged and two of their towns seized by Romans because they had allied with the Samnites. |
| 324 BC – Samnites defeated and sued for peace, but granted only a one-year truce. |
| 324 BC – First Roman operations in Daunia, northern Apulia. |
| 321 BC – Roman humiliation at the Caudine Forks. |
| 320 BC – Destruction of Fregellae by the Samnites. |
| 320 BC – Romans seized Luceria and freed the Romans hostages. |
| 319 BC – Romans subdued Satricum, which had rebelled and hosted a Samnite garrison. |
| 318 BC – Samnites sought peace. Rome turned this down. |
| 318 BC – The Apulian the cities of Teanum and Canusium submitted to Rome. |
| 317 BC – Romans seized Nerulum in Lucania. |
| 316 BC – Roman besieged Saticula. |
| 316 BC – Samnites besieged Plistica. |
| 315 BC – Samnites seized Plistica. |
| 315 BC – Battle of Lautulae, Roman defeat |
| 313 BC – Romans seized Nola. |
| 314 BC – Romans destroyed the Ausoni cities of Ausona, Minturnae and Vescia. |
| 314 BC – Romans defeated Samnites near Capua. |
| 314 BC – Romans seized Sora. |
| 313 BC – Romans established colonies at Suessa Aurunca, Interamna Sucasina and the island of Pontiae. |
| 313 BC – Samnites seized Roman garrison at Cluvius, Romans retook it. |
| 313 BC – Romans sacked Bovianum. |
| 311 BC – Romans defeated Samnites at unspecified location in Samnium. |
| 311 BC – Beginning of war in Etruria, Etruscans besieged Sutrium, indecisive battle with Romans. |
| 311 BC – Romans defeated Etruscans near Sutrium. |
| 311 BC – Marcus Fabius' expedition through the Cimian Forest. |
| 310 BC – Romans defeat Etruscans at unspecified location. |
| 310 BC – The Etruscan cities of Perusia and Cortona and Arretium sued for peace and obtained a thirty-year truce. |
| 310 BC – Battle of Lake Vadimo – Roman victory, the battle was said to have broken the might of the Etruscans for the first time. |
| 310 BC – Samnites fought the consul Gaius Marcius at unspecified location, indecisive battle, Romans lost several officers, consul wounded. |
| 309 BC – Etruscans broke the truce, Romans defeated them near Perusia. |
| 309 BC – Rome refused peace offers by Nuceria Alfaterna and seized it. |
| 309 BC – Romans defeated Marsi and Paeligni who had allied with Samnites in separate battles at unspecified locations. |
| 309 BC – Etruscans sued for peace, Rome only granted a one-year truce. |
| 306 BC – Romans fought campaign against Salentini of southern Apulia and seized several towns |
| 306 BC – Samnites defeated near Allifae, some Hernici troops found among the enemy ranks, Rome investigated this, Hernici revolt. |
| 305 BC – Samnites and Hernici isolated one of the Roman consul each, Hernici surrendered, Samnites defeated. |
| 305 BC – Battle at Tifenum in Samnium, according to one source Romans defeated, according to another, they withdrew. |
| 305 BC – Romans defeated Samnites at unspecified location in Samnium. |
| 305 BC – Romans besieged Bovianum. |
| 304 BC – Samnites sued for peace, end of the war. |
| Third Samnite War (298 to 290 BC) |
| 298 BC – Start of the Third Samnite War. |
| 298 BC – Battle of Volterrae. |
| 298 BC – The Romans capture the Samnite cities of Bovianum and Aufidena and/or, according to a dubious inscription, Taurasia and Cisauna. |
| 297 BC – Quintus Fabius Maximus Rullianus defeats the Samnites near Tifernum. |
| 296 BC – Publius Decius Mus seized Murgantia, Romulea and Ferentium. |
| 295 BC – Battle of Sentinum. |
| 294 BC – The Samintes nearly seized a Roman camp in an unspecified location but are repelled. |
| 294 BC – Lucius Postumius seized Milionia and Feritrum, two unidentified Samnite towns and defeated Volsini in Etruria. |
| 294 BC – Marcus Atilius was defeated at Luceria, but won another battle the next day. He then defeated Samnites who were trying to seize Interamna. |
| 293 BC – Lucius Papirius seized Aquilonia and Saepinum in Samnium. |
| 293 BC – Spurius Carvilius seized Cominium, Velia, Palumbinum and Herculaneum in Samnium. |
| 293 BC – Spurius Carvilius seized Troilum and five fortresses in Etruria. |
| 292 BC – Quintus Fabius Maximus Gurges defeated by Caudine Samnites, then defeated them with the help of his father Quintus Fabius Maximus Rullianus. |
| 291 BC – Quintus Fabius Maximus Gurges seized Cominium Ocritum, a stronghold of the Pentri Samnites. |
| 291 BC – Lucius Postimius Megellus seized Venusia, the chief town of the Hirpini Samnites. |
| 290 BC – Roman operations to mop up last pockets of Samnite resistance; end of the war. |
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