

7th. The defeat of Perses or Perseus, the last Macedonian king, by Paulus Emilius, the Roman. This event preceded the nativity of Christ, 168 years.

8th. The Spanish æra, introduced soon after the death of Julius Cæsar, 38 years before the Christian epoch commenced.

9th. The battle of Actium, between Octavius Cæsar and Anthony, which rendered the former sole Master of the Roman power, 31 years before the birth of Christ.

*What Empires are distinguished by Historians as the four great Empires of Antiquity?*

The Assyrian, the Persian, the Grecian and the Roman.

*Mention other Empires that were of equal, if not superior importance?*

The Egyptian Empire, which was once of vast extent; and the Chinese Empire of very ancient origin and early civilization, and which still subsists.

*What different Governments have been adopted among different Nations?*

Monarchy, Oligarchy, Aristocracy and Democracy.

*What is Monarchy?*

Monarchy is that form of Government which intrusts the power to the hands of one person. It is called Limited when the person governs according to established Laws—Absolute, when the person governs according to his own will.

*What is Oligarchy?*

Oligarchy is that form of Government which invests a few of the most wealthy and powerful Citizens with the administration.

*What is Aristocracy?*

That form of Government which assigns the power to the Nobles.