Roman Myth
**Cephalus**

- Not the same as that married to Procne
- Cephalus was loved by Dawn (Eos)
- Eos took him to Syria
- Their son was Tithonus
Cephalus and Aurora
Nicholas Poussin, 1627
• Phaethon was loved by Aphrodite
• Sandacus migrated to Cilicia
  – Founded Kelenderis
  – Latin Kalends (?)
- Cinyras
  - Migrated to Cyprus
  - Married the daughter of the king of Cyprus

- Adonis
  - Four months of the year with Persephone
  - Eight months with Aphrodite
  - Killed by a boar while hunting
  - An early, Phoenician, myth.
The Awakening of Adonis
John William Waterhouse (1899)
Venus and Adonis
Charles Joseph Natoire
Pygmalion

- King of Tyre, Famous sculptor
- Fashioned a statue of a woman in ivory
- So loved his statue that he called her Galatea (sleeping love)
- Aphrodite granted her life
- They lived happily ever after
Pygmalion and Galatea
Jean-Leon Gerome
ca. 1890
THE MARLOWE PLAYERS present

Pygmalion
by Bernard Shaw

DERBY PLAYHOUSE STUDIO THEATRE  Nov. 6th to 10th
My Fair Lady
Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn
Dido (Elissa)

- Sister of Pygmalion
- Pygmalion murdered Dido’s husband
- Dido fled Tyre
- Founded the city of Carthage
  – ca. 800 BC.
Aeneas
• Ilus was succeeded by Laomedon
• Capys had a son, Anchises
• Aphrodite had Aeneas by Anchises
Aeneas

• Son of Anchises and Aphrodite
  – In a dispute with Priam
  – Refused to participate in the Trojan War
  – Attacked by Achilles and changed his mind

• The Trojan Achilles
  – Both have divine mothers
  – Both in dispute with their kings
  – Both have divine horses
Aeneas

- Wounded by Diomedes
  - Saved by Aphrodite and Apollo
- Wounded by Achilles
  - Saved by Poseidon
  - “for it is ordained for him to escape, that the race of Dardanus will not perish — and now truly will the mighty Aeneas be king among the Trojans, and his sons' sons who will be born in days to come.” (Iliad. 20.300)
Aeneas fleeing from Troy
Pompeo Batoni 1753
According to the Greek legend, Ascanius is the son of Creusa and grandson of Priam. As such, one Greek version has Ascanius remain in Troy as the new king.
Virgil, *The Aeneid*

- **Virgil:**
  - Publius Virgilius Maro
  - 70 - 19 B.C.
  - Roman Poet

- **Aeneid:**
  - Written at the request of Augustus
  - Considered amongst the greatest works of literature
Virgil, Reading the Aeneid to Augustus and Octavia
Angelica Kauffmann
Chronology

- 1184 BC  The Trojan War
- 753 BC   Urbs Condita
- 753 – 509 Monarchical Period
- 509      Roman Republic
- 264 – 146 Punic Wars
- 99 – 31  Italian and Civil Wars
- 31 BC – AD 14 Augustus Caesar
- 14 – 37  Tiberius
- 337 – 41 Caligula
- 41 – 54  Nero
Aeneas and Dido

• Aeneas landed at Carthage
• Dido, Queen of Carthage
  – Holds athletic games to celebrate
  – Aeneas displayed his strength and skill
  – Aeneas recites the fall of Troy
  – Dido falls in love with Aeneas
• Aeneas called away by Mercury, sent by Jupiter
The Meeting of Aeneas and Dido
Nathaniel Dance Holland ca. 1790
The Death of Dido

- Aeneas leaves Carthage
  - To realize his manifest destiny
- Dido, heartbroken, stabbed herself while sitting on a lighted pyre
The Death of Dido
Heinrich Fuger
- Latinus was king of the Aborigines in Latium
  - Accepted Aeneas and his men and gave his daughter in marriage
- According to the Roman legend, Ascanius was the son of Aeneas and Lavinia
Aeneas in Latium

- Aeneas founded Lavinium
- Latinus killed in war
- Aeneas king of Latins and Trojans
- Aeneas killed in war against Etruria
- Iulus (Ascanius) succeeds as king
  Founder of the Julian clan.
• Iulus (1179 – 1141 BC)
• Founded Alba Longa
• Patronym of the Julian clan
• Silvius (1141 – 1112 BC)
• Eleven kings to Numitor

Creusa = Aeneas = Lavinia
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| Ascanius (Iulus)
| Silvius

- Ascanius (1179 – 1141 BC)
- Silvius (1141 – 1112 BC)
- Eleven kings to Numitor
- To make the lineage work, Silvius has to be the son on Ascanius
Numitor

| Rhea Silvia = Mars

- Numitor
  - Usurped by his brother, Amulius

- Rhea Silvia
  - A Vestal Virgin
  - Under an eclipse of the sun
  - Pursued and raped by a wolf
Solar Eclipses

• **789 BC**
  – June 24th
  – Partial Eclipse
  – Birth in March 787

• **771 BC**
  – November 28th
  – Annular Eclipse
  – Birth in August 770
  – 769, according to Plutarch
Temple of Vesta, Rome
Temple of Vesta, Rome
• Rhea Silvia
  – Gave birth to twins
  – Mother and babes cast into the river
  – Silvia drowned
  – Twins land at the Palatine Hill
Romulus and Remus

• Suckled by a Wolf
• Found by Faustulus
  – A shepherd. He and his wife Larentia raised the boys
• Romulus
  – Founded a band called the Quintilii
• Remus
  – Founded a band called the Fabii
Capitoline Wolf
Romulus and Remus

- Identity discovered
- Overthrow Amulius
- Place Numitor on the throne
- Brothers go to found their own City
- April 21st, 753 BC
- Walls of Rome laid out on Palatine Hill
- Romulus killed Remus
The Seven Hills of Rome
• Sanctuary for criminals and slaves
• Shortage of women
  – Latins and Sabines invited to a festival
  – 30 Sabine virgins abducted
  – Sabines invade Rome
  – Tarpeia betrays the city
  – Sabine women intervene
Death of Romulus

- 7th. July, 716 BC
  - Meeting of the people on Campus Martius
  - Eclipse of the sun
  - May 26th. 715 BC, Annular and brief
  - March 14th. 711 BC, total eclipse
  - When the light returned, Romulus was gone
  - Taken to heaven by Mars
  - Reappeared as the god Quirinus
Quirinus

- Sabine name for Mars
- Quirinal Hill
- Quirinalia, February 17th.
- Temple of Quirinus atop the Quirinal Hill
The Roman Gods

• Zeus = Jupiter
• Poseidon = Neptune
  • Apollo
• Ares = Mars
• Hermes = Mercury
• Hephaestus = Vulcan
The Roman Gods

- Hera = Juno
- Hestia = Vesta
- Demeter = Ceres
- Athena = Minerva
- Aphrodite = Venus
- Artemis = Dianna
Janus

- Very ancient Roman god
- The two-faced god
- God of doorways, transitions
- The doors to the temple of Janus were open when Rome was at war, closed when at peace
The Roman Empire