The 1st century BC

From republic to empire.

Caesar crossed the Rubicon, the Republic fell, and Augustus founded the Principate. Cicero, Lucretius, Virgil and Horace wrote; the Antikythera mechanism modeled the heavens in bronze.

What rose

c. 100–60 BC. The Antikythera mechanism. Source: Antikythera mechanism

c. 55 BC. Lucretius's On the Nature of Things. Source: De rerum natura

46 BC. Caesar's Julian calendar. Source: Julian calendar

19 BC. Virgil's Aeneid. Source: Aeneid

What fell or stalled

Civil wars destroyed the Roman Republic. Source: Crisis of the Roman Republic

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