# Who governed the Roman Republic?

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**Women**

**Patricians**
Men who owned large amounts of land

**Plebeians**
Peasant farmers and craftsmen

**Slaves**

**Citizens**

**Assembly**
The two groups met here and voted for the following groups

**Two Consuls**
They governed the city. Elected for one year only.
Both had to agree with each other to make a decision.

**Magistrates**
Their job was to look after the money of Rome. They were also judges.

**Tribunes**
They protected the ordinary people against unfair treatment.

**Senate**
Magistrates retired to the Senate. They gave advice to the Consuls. They ended up controlling Rome.