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LESSON 2: *Numa Pompilius (715-672 B.C.)*

FACTS TO KNOW

1. **Numa Pompilius** – second king of Rome; made farming a way of life
2. **Egeria** – wife of Numa; rumored to be a goddess
3. **Janus** – god of new beginnings; two-faced god
4. **Temple of Janus** – open or closed door indicated war or peace
5. **four pillars of Roman culture** – family, faith, farming, fighting
6. **augurs** – fortune-tellers who gave advice to Roman leaders

VOCABULARY

1. Without being **degraded** _____
2. after King Numa began his **reign** _____
3. contented and **prosperous** on their farms _____
4. **contented** and prosperous on their farms _____
5. **induced** the whole Roman people _____
6. Mercury ... was the god of **eloquence** _____
7. *the month of Janus, or **January** _____
8. In **statuary** ... he is often shown _____

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the distribution of work and land in early Roman society.

2. Aside from serving in the military, what was the only work a Roman citizen did not consider degrading?

3. Describe the Romans' reaction to Numa's implementation of family farms.

4. List the positive contributions Numa made to Rome as king.

5. Who was the most important of the Roman gods? Why?

6. Explain the significance of the doors of the Temple of Janus.

ACTIVITIES

Write a description for each Roman god. (Extra challenge: Write the Greek name as well.)

1. Jupiter _____
2. Juno _____
3. Neptune _____
4. Pluto _____
5. Mars _____
6. Mercury _____
7. Vulcan _____
8. Apollo _____
9. Diana _____
10. Venus _____
11. Minerva _____
12. Vesta _____