

Republic – form of government led by elected officials

Consuls (2)

Senate (300)

494 B.C.

Plebeians

Patricians afraid of losing labor

Plebeians won right to own assembly

Tribunes (10)

- Elected to protect plebeians
- Elected each year
- Can “veto” laws unfair to plebeians

Twelve Tables

Code of Roman Laws (12 tablets)
Placed on walls of buildings around city
Written by plebeians and patricians

