

## Study Guide for *The Flames of Rome* by Paul Maier

Instructions: Use short answers of a word or phrase to fill in the blanks for each of the following characters. Add a page number in parentheses to help you find a passage that gives more description for later reference.

### The Imperial Rulers

47 A.D. -- Claudius Caesar has been ruling for seven years.

Describe Claudius' physical traits:



What seems to cause Claudius the most trouble in life?



Who is Messalina?

In what un-empress-like activities does Messalina indulge?

Describe the event that convinced Claudius he must get rid of Messalina.

What is the Senate's opinion of Claudius' marriage to Agrippina? Why?

What is the rivalry between Domitius Ahenobarbus and Britannicus? What is the result of this rivalry?

What is Agrippina's attitude toward her son? What are her goals for her son?

