

Video: How lead (maybe) caused the downfall of ancient Rome

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Ancient Rome's emperors did some pretty bizarre stuff—bursting into uncontrollable fits of laughter, appointing a horse as a priest, dressing in animal skins and attacking people ... the list goes on.

Why were they acting that way? Well, it might have been [lead poisoning](#).

In this week's episode, we unwrap the possibility that lead caused the Roman Empire's collapse:

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