## Annonymous, minted ca. 211 - 208 BC

The Second Punic War (218-201 BC) was the second of three major wars between Carthage and the Roman Republic. The war was marked by Hannibal's overland journey and his costly crossing of the Alps and crushing victories over Roman armies in the battle of the Trebia. Despite setbacks, the Roman forces recaptured all the major cities that had joined the enemy. Finally, in 202, in a battle in Africa, Scipio Africanus defeated Hannibal and Carthage became a Roman client-state.

## Moneyers 211-208 BC

## Rome Timeline 211-208 BC

L. Cornelius Lentulus Manlius Vulso C. Aurunculeius Terentius Varro C. Aelius Cn. Cornelius Dolabella M. Valerius Laevinus

211 - Second Punic War, Capua falls to the Romans
210 - Carthaginians capture the city of Capua
209 - Recapture of Tarentum by the Romans
208 - Scipio defeats Hasdrubal Barca near Baecula

**Obverse:** Helmeted head of bearded Mars facing right, mark of value  $\downarrow$ X (60) below







gold 60 asses, 3.4 grams

**Reverse:** Eagle facing right grasping thunderbolt, ROMA below

The 60 asses was part of the first gold issue minted in Rome to finance the Second Punic War and the only issue minted in significant quantity until the final years of the Republic (44-27 BC). Smaller forty and twenty asses coins were also minted.