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History 3221

ROME FROM THE GRACCHI TO NERO

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This course offers an advanced survey of Roman history during the late Republican and early Imperial eras, ca. 133 B.C – A.D 69, from a variety of perspectives: political, social, diplomatic, economic, and intellectual. In addition, students will be introduced to some of the basic problems that historians of the period are currently attempting to solve as well as to some of the most important hypotheses their work has produced. In the process, students will become acquainted with certain of the principal research tools and techniques that ancient historians have developed to aid them in their investigations.

The following books are available for purchase at SBX:

Appian, *The Civil Wars*, Penguin. ISBN 9780140445091
Boatwright, Gargola, and Talbert, *The Romans, From Village to Empire*, 2nd ed, Oxford University Press ISBN: 9780199730575
Cassius Dio, *The Histories: the Reign of Augustus*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140444483
Catullus, *The Poems of Catullus*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140449815
Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140442144
Horace, *The Complete Odes and Epodes*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140444223
Petronius & Seneca, *Satyricon & Apocolocyntosis*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140444896
Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140449341
Plutarch, *Rome in Crisis* Penguin, ISBN 9780140449167
Sallust, *The Jugurthine War and the Conspiracy of Catiline*, Penguin, ISBN 9780140441321
Suetonius, *The Caesars*, Hackett, ISBN 9781603843133
Tacitus, *Annales*, Hackett, ISBN 9780872205581
Virgil, *The Aeneid*, Hackett, ISBN 9780872207318

Copies of the assigned readings may also be found on closed reserve at the Thompson (Main) library.

Note: the texts of most of these ancient authors are available online at a number of websites. These are particularly good ones:

through the procedures established by the Committee on Academic Misconduct. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp).

Expected Learning Outcomes:

History courses develop students' knowledge of how past events influence today's society and help them understand how humans view themselves.

1. Students will be able to construct an integrated perspective on history and the factors that shape human activity.
2. Students will be able to describe and analyze the origins and nature of contemporary issues.
3. Students will be able to speak and write critically about primary and secondary historical sources by examining diverse interpretations of past events and ideas in their historical contexts.

Schedule of Lectures

Week I

- Aug. 27: Rome in the Middle Republic: Empire, Society, and Government
 - Reading:
 1. *The Romans. From Village to Empire*, 109-24
- Aug. 29: The Republican Aristocracy
 - Reading:
 1. *The Romans. From Village to Empire*, 125-44

Week II

- Sept. 3: Tiberius Gracchus
 - Reading:
 1. Plutarch, "Life of Tiberius Gracchus"
 2. Appian, *The Civil Wars*, Book I, sections 7-17
 3. *The Romans. From Village to Empire*, 144-48
- Sept. 5: Gaius Gracchus
 - Reading:
 1. Plutarch, "Life of Gaius Gracchus"
 2. Appian, *The Civil Wars*, Book I, sections 18-27
 3. *The Romans. From Village to Empire*, 148-53

Week VI

- Oct. 1: The First Triumvirate
 - Reading:
 1. Plutarch, "Life of Pompey," 47-53; "Life of Caesar," 1-21
 2. Appian, *The Civil Wars*, II 8-17
 3. Suetonius, "Julius Caesar," 1-23
 4. *The Romans*, 217-28

- Oct. 3: The Shadow of Civil War
 - Reading:
 1. Cicero, "Speech In Defense of Titus Annius Milo"
 2. Plutarch, "Life of Pompey," 54-59, "Life of Caesar," 22-32
 3. Suetonius, "Julius Caesar," 24-33
 4. Appian, *The Civil Wars*, II 18-33
 5. *The Romans*, 228-38

Week VII

- Oct. 8: Roman Decadence
 - Reading:
 1. Cicero, "Speech In Defense of Marcus Caelius Rufus"
 2. Plutarch, "Life of Lucullus," 39-42
 3. *The Romans*, 238-41
 4. Cicero, *Letters to Atticus* 5.21, 6.1.3-8, 2.7-9, 3.5 (on the Perseus website: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3atext%3a1999.02.0022> under "volume 2, B.C. 50, nos. CCXLIX, CCLI, CCLV, CCLXIII" or at <http://artflx.uchicago.edu/perseus/cgi/citequery3.pl?dbname=PerseusLatinTexts&query=Cic.%20Att.&getid=1> under Book 5 letter 21 pages 128-31; Book 6 letter 1 pages 134-37, letter 2 pages 152-53, letter 3 page 169.

- Oct. 10: Literature in the Late Republic
 - Reading:
 1. Cicero, *Letters to Atticus* 2.1.1-3, 4.16.1-3 (on the Perseus website: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3atext%3a1999.02.0022> under "volume 1, B.C. 60, no. XXIV and B.C. 54 no. CXLII" or at <http://artflx.uchicago.edu/perseus/cgi/citequery3.pl?dbname=PerseusLatinTexts&query=Cic.%20Att.&getid=1> under Book 2, letter 1 and Book 4 letter 16 pages 280-81.
 2. Plutarch, "Life of Cicero"
 3. Catullus, *The Poems of Catullus*, nos. 1-62, 83, 85-86, 93

Week VIII

- Oct. 15: MIDTERM

- Oct. 31: The Augustan Regime
 - Reading:
 1. Augustus, "Res Gestae Divi Augusti," 1-33, 35
([http://perseus.uchicago.edu/perseus-
cgi/citequery3.pl?dbname=PerseusLatinTexts&getid=1&query=Aug.%20pref
ace](http://perseus.uchicago.edu/perseus/cgi/citequery3.pl?dbname=PerseusLatinTexts&getid=1&query=Aug.%20preface))
 2. Cassius Dio, *The Roman History*, LIII 25, 29; LIV 20-24; LV 29-34; LVI 18-24
 3. Suetonius, "Life of Augustus," 19-60
 4. *The Romans*, 289-305

Week XI

- Nov. 5: Art and Ideology
 - Reading:
 1. Virgil, *The Aeneid*, Books I, IV, VI
 2. Horace, *Epodes*, 1, 7, 9, 16; *Odes*, I.2, 12, 35, 37, II.1, 7, 16, III.2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 16, 24, IV.5, 14, 15
 3. *The Romans*, 286-87
- Nov. 7: Augustus and the Succession
 - Reading:
 1. Cassius Dio, *The Roman History*, LIII 31-33; LIV 28-29; LV 1-2, 9, 10A; LVI 32-34
 2. Suetonius, "Life of Augustus," 61-101
 3. *The Romans*, 283-88, 315-16

Week XII

- Nov. 12: Tiberius
 - Reading:
 1. Tacitus, *Annales*, Book I, sections 1-15, 72-81; Book II, sections 27-32, 48-88; Book III, sections 1-19; Book IV, sections 1-12
 2. Suetonius, "Life of Tiberius"
 3. *The Romans*, 309-16
- Nov. 14: Caligula and Claudius
 - Reading:
 1. Suetonius, "Life of Caligula," "Life of Claudius"
 2. *The Romans*, 316-24

Week XIII

- Nov. 19: Society and Economy in the Early Empire: TERM PAPERS DUE
 - Reading:
 1. Petronius, *Satyricon*: "Puteoli", "Dinner with Trimalchio"
 2. *The Romans*, 329-37, 339-45