

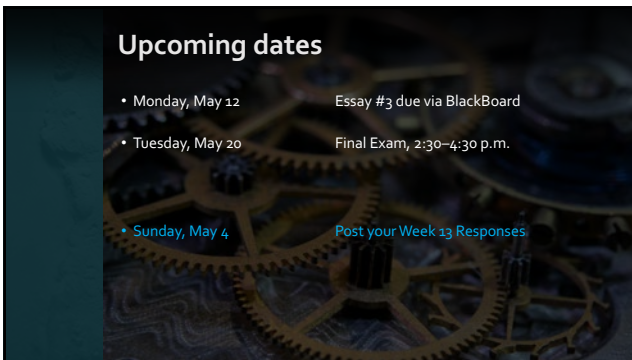
Civilizations of the Ancient World
SPRING 2025

MEETING 24

The Republican Crisis

- Rome in the East
- Consequences of Empire
- The Gracchus Brothers
- Optimates and Populares

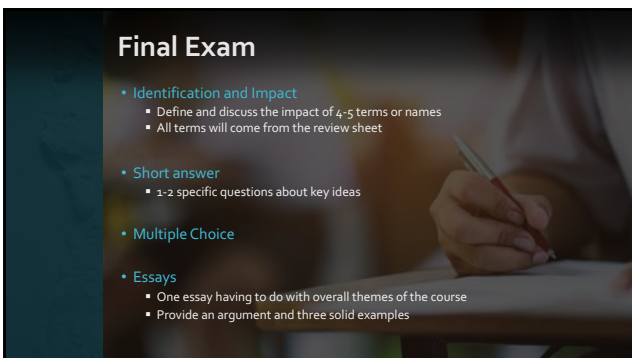
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Upcoming dates

- Monday, May 12 Essay #3 due via BlackBoard
- Tuesday, May 20 Final Exam, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 4 Post your Week 13 Responses

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Final Exam

- Identification and Impact
 - Define and discuss the impact of 4-5 terms or names
 - All terms will come from the review sheet
- Short answer
 - 1-2 specific questions about key ideas
- Multiple Choice
- Essays
 - One essay having to do with overall themes of the course
 - Provide an argument and three solid examples

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Final Exam

- The final exam covers the material since the midterm (Greece and Rome)
 - Everything in the assigned readings is fair game, even if we did not discuss it in class
 - The essay is cumulative—you can use examples from the entire course
- For all sections except multiple choice, I will give you twice as many options as you need
- Approach to preparing
 - Make a list of the most important milestone events in the periods we've discussed
 - Use the review sheet questions to gauge which topics to spend more time reviewing
 - Take note of the terms and review the ones you're unfamiliar with
- Pregame the essay
 - Try to come up with possible essay questions
 - Map out in advance possible examples and interpretations
- Review resources are linked on the Exams page
 - These include quiz notes, slides, lecture videos, weekly responses, textual topic discussions from online seminars, maps and timelines, and more

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Four things today

- 1 Rome in the East
- 2 Consequences of Empire
- 3 The Gracchus Brothers
- 4 Optimates and Populares

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Questions about whatever

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Roman Wars in the East

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The Hellenistic east



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Rome in the east



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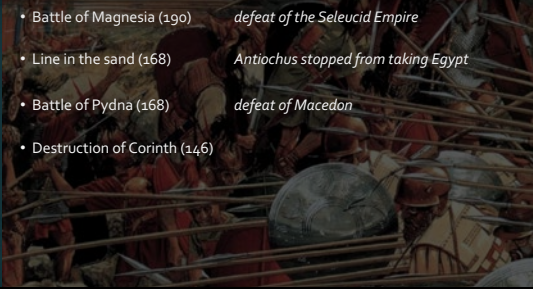
In Greece: Liberator and destroyer



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Defeating the Hellenistic empires

- Battle of Magnesia (190) *defeat of the Seleucid Empire*
- Line in the sand (168) *Antiochus stopped from taking Egypt*
- Battle of Pydna (168) *defeat of Macedon*
- Destruction of Corinth (146)



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Hellenization



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The Consequences of Empire

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Consequences of empire



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The problem of the provinces



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Divisions within the nobility

POPULARES

- Leaders who seek popularity among the people of Rome
- Demonize the senate as oppressing the masses and protecting privilege at Rome's expense, especially in war
- Urge Romans to place their faith and trust in great men, not institutions

Examples

- The Gracchus brothers
- Gaius Marius
- Julius Caesar
- Octavian/Augustus

OPTIMATES

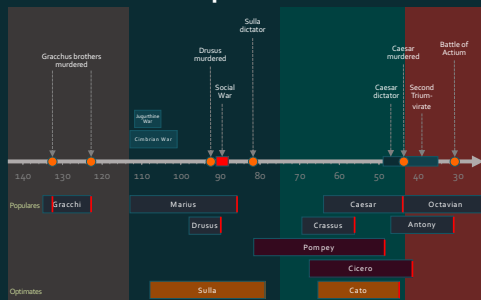
- Leaders who seek to protect the old ways
- Champion the senate as guardians of tradition and the collective, anonymous rule that made Rome strong
- Urge Romans to place their faith and trust in institutions, not great men

Examples

- Sulla
- Metellus Numidicus
- Cato (the younger)

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The end of the Republic



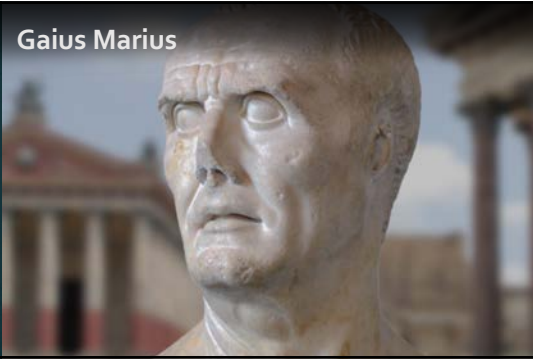
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The brothers Gracchus



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Gaius Marius



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Client Kingdoms

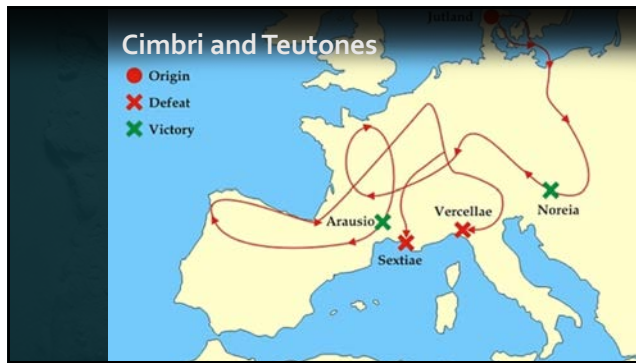


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Jugurthine War



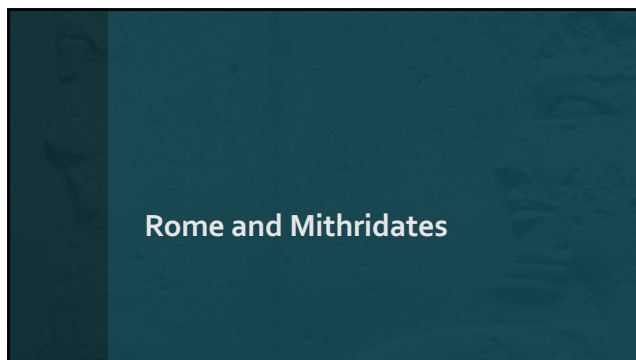
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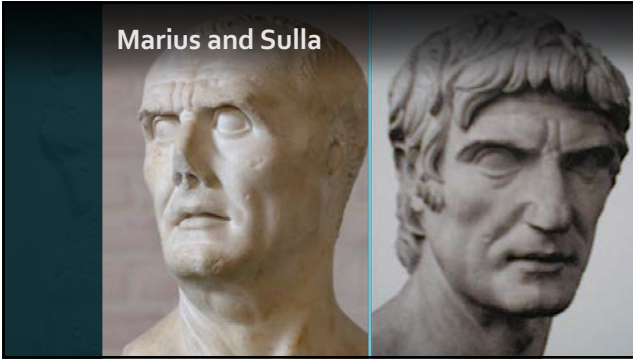


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Marius and Sulla



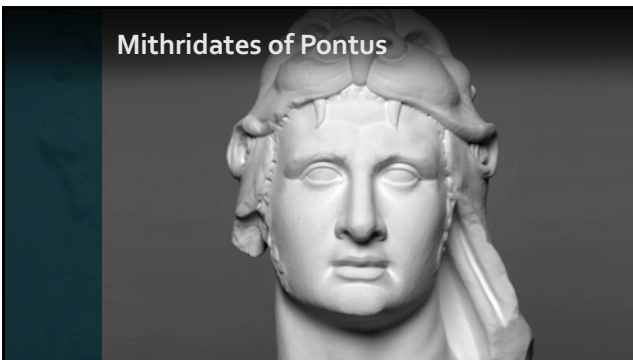
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Mithridates of Pontus



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Sulla marches on Rome



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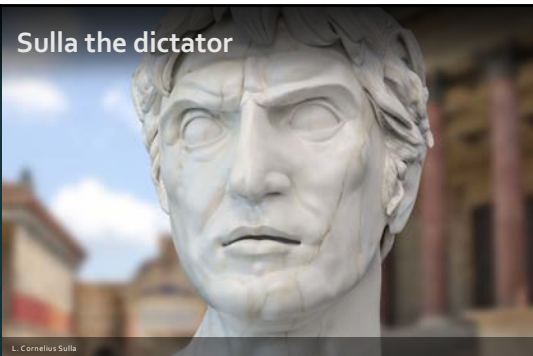
Marius and Cinna take over Rome

- One-party rule
- Proscriptions



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Sulla the dictator



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