

SCHEDULE OF READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS

For each meeting, please come into class having read and thought about the readings assigned for that class.

To prepare for each meeting, you need to read: All of the listed sections from the textbook (Ward et al.), and at least one of the primary source readings from the Reader, *De Roma*.

Note on textbook readings: Ward writes short chapters around specific topics. I've kept the readings about the same from week to week.

1 Introduction and Evidence

Thursday, February 3

2 Tribes and Kings

Thursday, February 10

- I. Roman History: Its Geographic and Human Foundations (Ward 1–10)
- II. Phoenicians, Greeks, and Etruscans in Pre-Roman Italy (Ward 11–27)
- III. Early Rome to 500 B.C. (Ward 28–39)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- DIONYSIUS / On the Subject of Roman History
- DIONYSIUS / Early Rules for Clients and Patrons
- LIVY / Numa's Religious Settlement
- LIVY / The Capture of the Sabine Women
- DIONYSIUS / Servius Tullius's Reform of the Comitia Centuriata
- LIVY / The Rape of Lucretia

3 Patrician and Plebeian

Thursday, February 17

- IV. Early Roman Society, Religion, and Values (Ward 40–55)
- V. From Tyrant Kings to Oligarchic Republic (Ward 56–74)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- DIONYSIUS / Coriolanus Opposes the Plebs
- DIONYSIUS / The Tribunes and their Manipulation
- FRAGMENTS / The Twelve Tables
- LIVY, DIONYSIUS / The Roman Way of Declaring War
- CICERO, DIONYSIUS / The Mythology of the Farmer General
- LIVY / The Defeat of the Latins
- POLYBIUS / The Constitution of the Roman Republic

4 Conquering the West

Thursday, February 24

- VI. The Roman Conquest of Italy and Its Impact (Ward 75–89)
- VII. The First Punic War, Northern Italy, and Illyrian Pirates (Ward 90–101)
- VIII. War with Hannibal: The Second Punic War (Ward 102–111)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- POLYBIUS / The Roman Maniple vs. the Macedonian Phalanx
- LIVY / The Samnites' 'Linen Legion' Remains Undaunted
- CORNELIUS NEPOS / Hannibal
- POLYBIUS / The Battle of Cannae
- LIVY, PRUDENTIUS / The Magna Mater
- POLYBIUS / The Siege of Syracuse

5 *Acquisition of Empire*

Thursday, March 3

- IX. Roman Imperialism East and West (Ward 112–128)
- X. The Transformation of Roman Life (Ward 129–142)
- XI. The Great Cultural Synthesis (Ward 143–153)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- POLYBIUS / The Destruction of Corinth
- LIVY / Cato Opposes Extravagance
- PLAUTUS / From The Menaechmi
- VARIOUS / Accounts of the Roman State Religion
- VARIOUS / Slavery in the Roman Republic

6 *Optimates and Populares*

Thursday, March 10

- XII. The Gracchi and the Struggle over Reforms (Ward 154–164)
- XIII. Destructive Rivalries, Marius, and the Social War (Ward 165–175)
- XIV. Civil War and Sulla's Reactionary Settlement (Ward 176–183)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- APPIAN / On Tiberius Gracchus
- PLUTARCH / On Tiberius Gracchus
- APPIAN / On Gaius Gracchus
- SALLUST / Speech of Marius Against the Nobility
- APPIAN AND PLUTARCH / Mithridates Against Rome
- APPIAN / Drusus and his Enemies
- LIVY, APPIAN / Sulla's Brutality

7 *Crossing the Rubicon*

Thursday, March 17

- XV. Personal Ambitions: The Failure of Sulla's Optimate Oligarchy (Ward 184–199)
- XVI. Caesar Wins and Is Lost (Ward 200–216)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- SALLUST / Pompey's Letter to the Senate
- CICERO / Against Catiline
- APPIAN / Pompey's Conquest of the East
- ASCONIUS / The Murder of Clodius
- SUETONIUS / On Julius Caesar

Proposal due

8 *End of the Republic*

Thursday, March 24

- XVII. The Last Years of the Republic (Ward 217–230)
- XVIII. Social, Economic, and Cultural Life in the Late Republic (Ward 231–249)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- PLUTARCH / The Assassination of Julius Caesar
- Q. CICERO / The Roman Candidate
- SALLUST / Life in Rome in the Late Republic
- CICERO / Scipio's Dream
- CICERO / On the Rise of Augustus

9 *Augustus, Princeps, Imperator*

Thursday, March 31

- XIX. The Principate of the Early Roman Empire Takes Shape (Ward 250–262)
- XX. Imperial Stabilization under Augustus (Ward 263–278)
- XXI. The Impact of Augustus on Roman Imperial Life and Culture (Ward 279–293)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- CATULLUS / Selections
- HORACE / The Secular Hymn
- VELLEIUS PATERCULUS / The Battle of Teutoburg Forest
- AUGUSTUS / Acts of the Divine Augustus
- TACITUS / The Death of Augustus and the Accession of Tiberius Nero

10 *Succession and Empire*

Thursday, April 7

- XXII. The First Two Julio–Claudian Emperors: Tiberius and Gaius (Ward 294–305)
- XXIII. Claudius, Nero, and the End of the Julio–Claudians (Ward 306–316)
- XXIV. The Crisis of the Principate and Recovery under the Flavians (Ward 317–326)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- CLAUDIUS / A Speech on Incorporating the Gauls
- SENECA / The Pumpkinification of Claudius
- TACITUS / The Principle of Adoption
- TACITUS / The Legions Proclaim Vespasian Emperor
- JOSEPHUS / The Roman Army in the First Century CE
- LEGAL TEXT / Law Concerning the Power of Vespasian
- SUETONIUS / How Domitian Attempted to Amuse the Populace

Images Essay due

11 *The Roman Peace*

Thursday, April 14

- XXV. The Five “Good” Emperors of the Second Century (Ward 327–342)
- XXVI. Culture, Society, and Economy in the First Two Centuries A.D. (Ward 343–366)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- PLINY THE ELDER / The Grandeur of Rome
- PLINY THE YOUNGER / Panegyric Addressed to the Emperor Trajan
- PLINY THE YOUNGER / The Correspondence of a Provincial Governor and the Emperor
- STRABO, OXYRHYNCHOS PAPYRI / Egypt under the Roman Empire
- VARIOUS / Roman Educational Practices
- MARCUS AURELIUS / On the Virtue of Antoninus Pius
- EUTROPIUS / The Reign of Marcus Aurelius

12 *Third Century Crisis*

Thursday, April 28

- XXVII. Conflicts and Crises under Commodus and the Severi (Ward 367–381)
- XXVIII. The Third-Century Anarchy (Ward 382–391)
- XXIX. Changes in Roman Life and Culture during the Third Century (Ward 392–407)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- ZOSIMUS / Imperial Weakness Invites Barbarian Aggression
- EUSEBIUS / The Persecution under Decius
- VOPISCUS / Aurelian’s Conquest of Palmyra
- HERODIAN / How Didius Julianus Bought the Empire at Auction
- VARIOUS / The Lives of Soldiers and Sailors

13 The New Empire

Thursday, May 5

- XXX. Diocletian: Creating the Fourth-Century Empire (Ward 408–419)
- XXXI. Constantine the Great and Christianity (Ward 420–431)
- XXXII. From Constantine’s Dynasty to Theodosius the Great (Ward 432–438)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- DIOCLETIAN AND CONSTANTINE / Efforts to Stabilize the Economy
- EUSEBIUS / The Conversion of Constantine
- CONSTANTINE / The Edict of Milan
- SOZOMEN / Constantine Founds Constantinople, 324 CE
- JULIAN / Letter to Arsacius

14 The End of Antiquity

Thursday, May 12

- XXXIII. The Evolving World of Late Antiquity in the Fourth Century A.D. (Ward 439–453)
- XXXIV. Christianity and Classical Culture in the Fourth Century (Ward 454–471)

Read one of these primary source documents from the Reader:

- AMMIANUS MARCELLINUS / The Luxury of the Rich in Rome
- PROCOPIUS OF CAESAREA / Alaric’s Sack of Rome, 410 CE
- RUTILIUS NAMATIUS / The Greatness of Rome in the Days of Ruin, 413CE
- JORDANES / The Battle of Châlons, 451 CE

Position Paper due

Final Exam (6:00–8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 19