

History of Ancient Rome
Spring 2024

MEETING 12

The Roman Peace

- Caligula, Claudius, and Nero
- The Year of Four Emperors
- The Flavians
- The World of the Principate
- The Five Good Emperors

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Five things today

- 1 Caligula, Claudius, and Nero
- 2 The Year of Four Emperors
- 3 The Flavians
- 4 The World of the Principate
- 5 The Five Good Emperors

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Upcoming dates

- Thursday, April 25 No class meeting (Spring Break)
- Monday, May 13 Position Paper due via BlackBoard
- Thursday, May 16 Final Exam, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

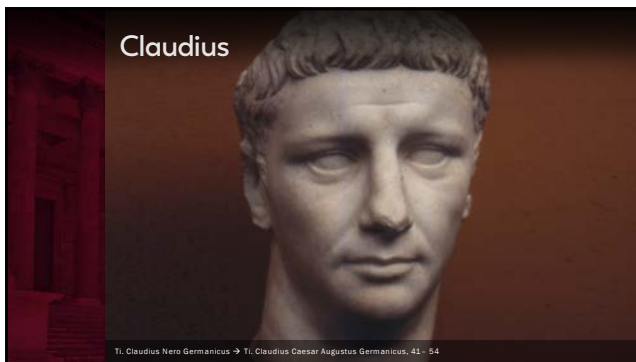
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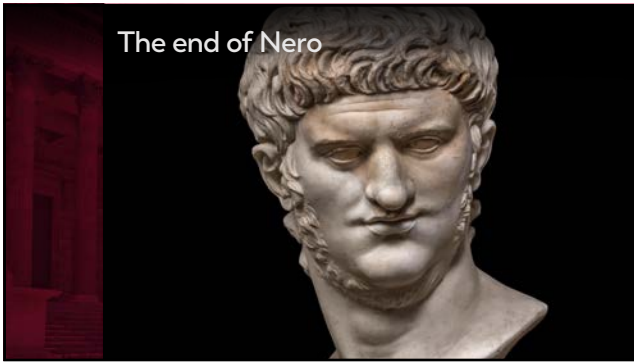
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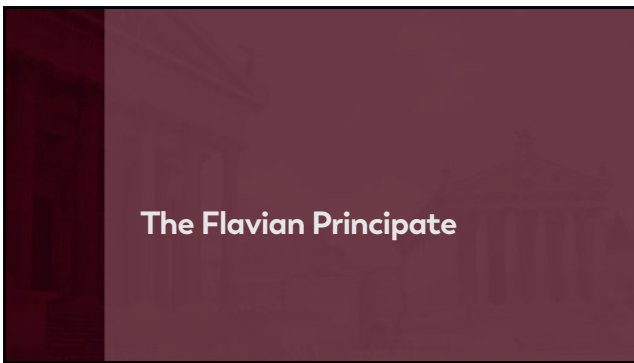
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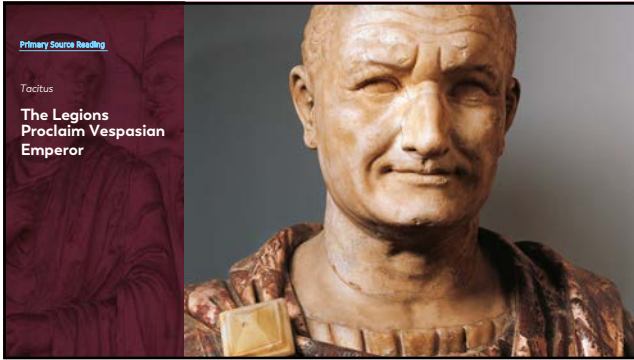
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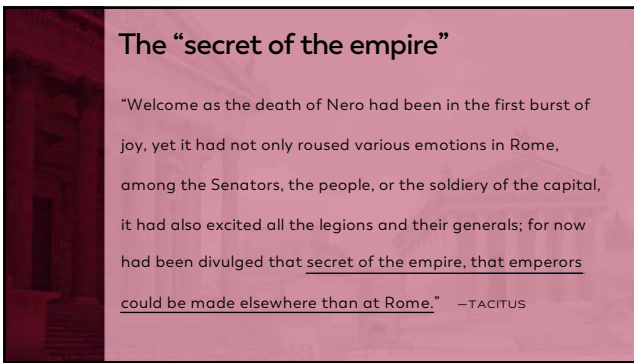
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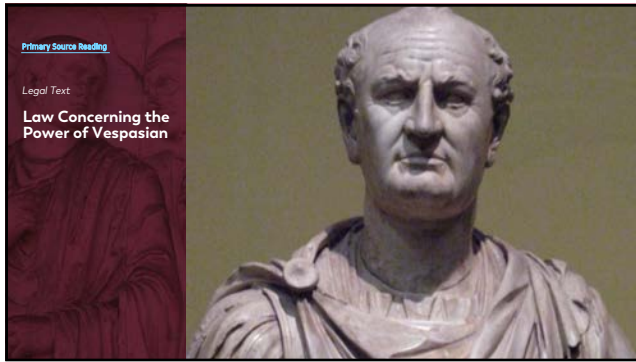
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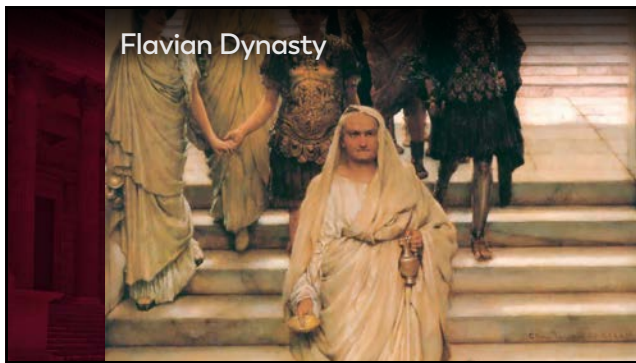
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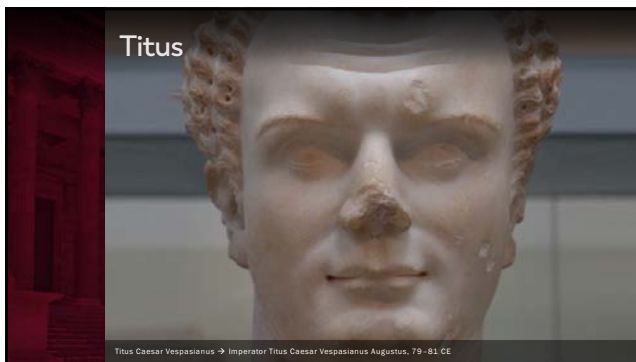
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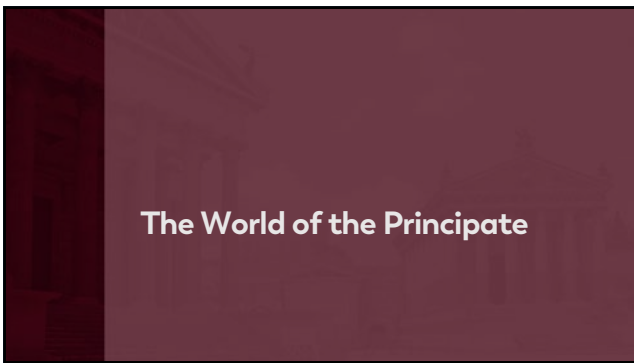
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Provinces

- 50-70 million people throughout the empire
 - 20% in ~2000 cities
 - 1 million in Rome
- Rome encouraged the growth of cities
 - Status of colony or municipium
 - Remission of taxes
 - Funding for construction
- Generators of economic and cultural power
 - Markets, manufacturing, resources
 - Infrastructure (roads, harbors, aqueducts)
 - Social venues (theaters, circuses, gladiators/blood sports)
- Appeal of Roman life and status + distance from Rome

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Primary Source Reading

Strabo, Oxyrhynchus Papyri

Egypt under the Roman Empire

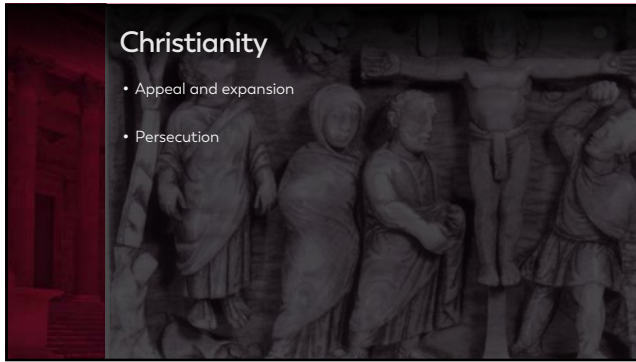


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Mystery Cults



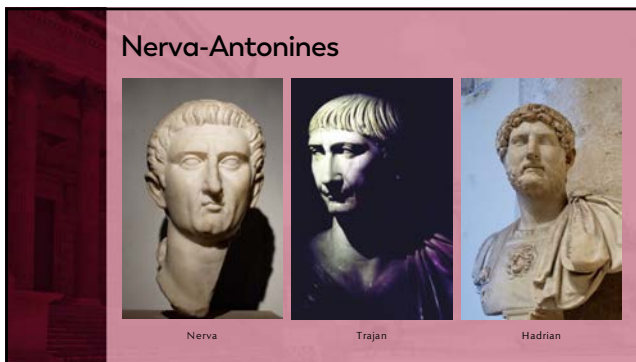
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Hadrian's Strategy for Empire

- Stability of succession
- Frontier defense instead of Trajan's aggressive wars
- Reforms of army:
 - recruitment
 - less emphasis on citizens, more on locals in regions where they serve
 - tactics
- Administration of provinces
- Professional bureaucracy
- Emperor's friends become imperial council
- Legal reforms

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Hadrian – Controversies

- Curtailed the wars begun under Hadrian
 - Expansionist policies and territorial gains in Mesopotamia, Assyria, Armenia, and parts of Dacia
- Executed enemies
 - Four in the senate at the start of his reign
 - Two more again later on
- Ardent admirer of Greece and wanted Athens to be the capital of the empire

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Nerva-Antonines (cont'd)



Antoninus Pius Marcus Aurelius

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