

# Schedule of Readings and Assignments

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

Readings listed with the book icon (📖) are from the assigned textbook, Schultz, A History of the Roman People, 7th Edition.

To prepare for each meeting, you need to read:

- All of the listed sections from the textbook (Schultz et al.), and
- At least one of the primary source readings.

Note on textbook readings: the text has short chapters around specific topics. I've kept the readings about the same from week to week. The links are to the online version, for those who have bought or rented it.

January 2023						
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February 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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## 1 Introduction and Themes

Thursday, January 25

Watch the Welcome and Orientation video (7:39)

Sign up for your presentations

## THE REPUBLIC

### 2 Tribes and Kings

Thursday, February 1

Read [all of the following](#):

- 📖 pp. xxvi–13, 1. Roman history: Its geographic and human foundations
- 📖 pp. 14–35, 2. Phoenicians, Greeks, and Etruscans in pre-Roman Italy
- 📖 pp. 36–51, 3. Early Rome to 500 b.c.e.

Also read [one of the following](#):

- 📖 On the Subject of Roman History / Dionysius
- 📖 Numa's Religious Settlement / Livy
- 📖 The Capture of the Sabine Women / Livy
- 📖 Servius Tullius's Reform of the Comitia Centuriata / Dionysius
- 📖 The Rape of Lucretia / Livy

### 3 Patrician and Plebeian

Thursday, February 8

Read [all of the following](#):

- 📖 pp. 52–72, 4. Early Roman society, religion, and values
- 📖 pp. 73–98, 5. From tyrant kings to oligarchic republic

Also read [one of the following](#):

- 📖 Early Rules for Clients and Patrons / Dionysius
- 📖 Coriolanus Opposes the Plebs / Dionysius
- 📖 The Twelve Tables / Fragments
- 📖 The Roman Way of Declaring War / Livy, Dionysius
- 📖 The Defeat of the Latins / Livy

### 4 SPQR

Thursday, February 15

Read [all of the following](#):

- 📖 pp. 99–118, 6. The Roman conquest of Italy and its impact
- 📖 *Dictator*, Introduction
- 📖 *Dictator*, Origins
- 📖 *Dictator*, Choice

Also read [one of the following](#):

- 📖 The Tribunes and their Manipulation / Dionysius
- 📖 The Mythology of the Farmer General / Cicero, Dionysius
- 📖 The Constitution of the Roman Republic / Polybius
- 📖 The Roman Maniple vs. the Macedonian Phalanx / Polybius
- 📖 The Samnites' 'Linen Legion' Remains Undaunted / Livy

Thursday, February 22

No meeting (Monday classes meet)

## 5 The Nemesis of Carthage

Thursday, February 29

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 119–135, 7. The First Punic War, northern Italy, and Illyrian pirates
- 📖 pp. 136–149, 8. War with Hannibal: The Second Punic War

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 Hannibal / Cornelius Nepos
- 📖 The Battle of Cannae / Polybius
- 📖 The Magna Mater / Livy, Prudentius
- 📖 The Siege of Syracuse / Polybius

## 6 Acquisition of Empire

Thursday, March 7

The Images Essay is due on Monday, March 4.

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 150–173, 9. Roman imperialism East and West
- 📖 pp. 174–192, 10. The transformation of Roman life
- 📖 pp. 193–207, 11. The great cultural synthesis

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 The Destruction of Corinth / Polybius
- 📖 Cato Opposes Extravagance / Livy
- 📖 From *The Menaechmi* / Plautus
- 📖 Accounts of the Roman State Religion / Various
- 📖 Slavery in the Roman Republic / Various

## 7 Optimates and Populares

Thursday, March 14

Sign up for your second presentation

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 208–223, 12. The Gracchi and the struggle over reforms
- 📖 pp. 224–239, 13. Destructive rivalries, Marius, and the Social War
- 📖 pp. 240–250, 14. Civil war and Sulla's reactionary settlement

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 On Tiberius Gracchus / Appian
- 📖 On Tiberius Gracchus / Plutarch
- 📖 On Gaius Gracchus / Appian
- 📖 Speech of Marius Against the Nobility / Sallust
- 📖 Mithridates Against Rome / Appian And Plutarch
- 📖 Drusus and his Enemies / Appian
- 📖 Sulla's Brutality / Livy, Appian

## 8 Crossing the Rubicon

Thursday, March 21

The Proposal is due on Monday, March 18.

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 251–272, 15. Personal ambitions: The failure of Sulla's optimate oligarchy
- 📖 pp. 273–296, 16. Caesar wins and is lost

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 Pompey's Letter to the Senate / Sallust
- 📖 Against Catiline / Cicero
- 📖 Pompey's Conquest of the East / Appian
- 📖 The Murder of Clodius / Asconius
- 📖 On Julius Caesar / Suetonius

## 9 End of the Republic

Thursday, March 28

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 297–316, 17. The last years of the Republic
- 📖 pp. 317–341, 18. Social, economic, and cultural life in the late Republic

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 The Assassination of Julius Caesar / Plutarch
- 📖 The Roman Candidate / Q. Cicero
- 📖 Life in Rome in the Late Republic / Sallust
- 📖 Scipio's Dream / Cicero
- 📖 On the Rise of Augustus / Cicero

## THE PRINCIPATE

### 10 Augustus, Princeps, Imperator

Thursday, April 4

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 342–359, 19. The Principate of the early Roman Empire takes shape
- 📖 pp. 360–380, 20. Imperial stabilization under Augustus
- 📖 pp. 381–400, 21. The impact of Augustus on Roman Imperial life and culture

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 Selections / Catullus
- 📖 The Secular Hymn / Horace
- 📖 The Battle of Teutoburg Forest / Velleius Paterculus
- 📖 Acts of the Divine Augustus / Augustus
- 📖 The Death of Augustus and the Accession of Tiberius / Tacitus

## 11 Succession and Empire

Thursday, April 11

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 401–418, 22. The first two Julio-Claudian Emperors: Tiberius and Gaius Caligula
- 📖 pp. 419–435, 23. Claudius, Nero, and the end of the Julio-Claudians
- 📖 pp. 436–450, 24. The crisis of the Principate and recovery under the Flavians

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 A Speech on Incorporating the Gauls / Claudius
- 📖 The Pumpkinification of Claudius / Seneca
- 📖 The Principle of Adoption / Tacitus
- 📖 The Legions Proclaim Vespasian Emperor / Tacitus
- 📖 The Roman Army in the First Century CE / Josephus
- 📖 Law Concerning the Power of Vespasian / Legal Text
- 📖 How Domitian Attempted to Amuse the Populace / Suetonius

## 12 The Roman Peace

Thursday, April 18

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 451–473, 25. The five “good” emperors of the second century
- 📖 pp. 474–505, 26. Culture, society, and economy in the first two centuries c.e.

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 The Grandeur of Rome / Pliny The Elder
- 📖 Panegyric Addressed to the Emperor Trajan / Pliny The Younger
- 📖 The Correspondence of a Provincial Governor and the Emperor / Pliny The Younger
- 📖 Egypt under the Roman Empire / Strabo, Oxyrhynchos Papyri
- 📖 Roman Educational Practices / Various
- 📖 On the Virtue of Antoninus Pius / Marcus Aurelius
- 📖 The Reign of Marcus Aurelius / Eutropius

Thursday, April 25

No meeting (Spring recess)

## 13 Third Century Crisis

Thursday, May 2

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 506–526, 27. Conflicts and Crises under Commodus and the Severi
- 📖 pp. 527–540, 28. The third-century anarchy
- 📖 pp. 541–562, 29. Changes in Roman life and culture during the third century

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 Imperial Weakness Invites Barbarian Aggression / Zosimus
- 📖 The Persecution under Decius / Eusebius
- 📖 Aurelian’s Conquest of Palmyra / Vopiscus
- 📖 How Didius Julianus Bought the Empire at Auction / Herodian
- 📖 The Lives of Soldiers and Sailors / Various
- 📖 The Luxury of the Rich in Rome / Ammianus Marcellinus

## 14 The New Empire

Thursday, May 9

Read all of the following:

- 📖 pp. 563–578, 30. Diocletian: Creating the fourth-century Empire
- 📖 pp. 579–593, 31. Constantine the Great and Christianity
- 📖 pp. 594–604, 32. From Constantine’s dynasty to Theodosius the Great
- 📖 pp. 605–624, 33. The evolving world of Late Antiquity in the fourth century c.e.

Also read one of the following:

- 📖 The Conversion of Constantine / Eusebius
- 📖 Constantine Founds Constantinople, 324 CE / Sozomen
- 📖 Letter to Arsacius / Julian
- 📖 Alaric’s Sack of Rome, 410 CE / Procopius Of Caesarea
- 📖 The Greatness of Rome in the Days of Ruin, 413CE / Rutilius Namatianus
- 📖 The Battle of Chalôns, 451 CE / Jordanes

## 15 Final Exam

Thursday, May 16

The final exam will be held in-person on Thursday, May 16 from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. in our normal meeting room.