

History 322

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THE ROMAN REPUBLIC

Book List:

Livy, *Early Rome* (Penguin)

Livy, *Rome and Italy* (Penguin)

Livy, *Rome and the Mediterranean* (Penguin)

Plutarch, *The Makers of Rome* (Penguin)

Plutarch, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (Penguin)

Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire* (Penguin)

Sallust, *The Jugurthine War; The Catilinarian Conspiracy* (Penguin)

Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches* (Penguin)

Reading List--Electronic Reserve [password: brutus]:

Plautus, *The Rope*

Cicero, *Letters to Atticus, part 1* [letters 1-41]

Cicero, *Letters to Atticus, part 2* [letters 59-115]

Cicero, *Letters to Atticus, part 3* [letters 116-177]

Cicero, *Letters to His Friends, vol. 1* [letters 1-44, plus letters to Quintus]

Cicero, *Letters to His Friends, vol. 2* [letters 77-337]

[The letters of Cicero are cited in the syllabus as *A* or *F*. You can access and print out sources from the Library's Electronic Reserve either at home or at the History Department's computer lab. You can get to it on the Web through <http://eres.sfsu.edu> or through the Library's website on the www.sfsu.edu webpage. In order to access and print it out at home you will need Acrobat reader; you can borrow the CD from the Library in order to install it on your home computer. The readings are under our course number and/or my name: the password is brutus.]

The Course:

We will examine the development of Roman history, institutions, and culture from Romulus' founding of the City 754 B.C. to Caesar's crossing of the Rubicon some seven hundred years later.

Examinations and Papers:

Mid-Term Examination: October 9 (30%)

Paper (see page 4 for topic and instructions): November 27 (20%)

Papers must be turned in time; no late paper will be considered for an "A" grade, and papers over a week late will be read but not given a grade.

Final Examination: December 22, 8-10:30 a.m. (50%)



The Capitoline She-Wolf

READING AND LECTURE SCHEDULE:

(NOTE: ALL references to Livy and Polybius follow the traditional notational system; the first number refers to the "book" and the second number to the "section;" in *Early Rome* the numbers appear at the top of the spine--all the other volumes are conveniently subdivided and should pose no problems.)

1. Aug. 30-Sept. 8: **The Etruscans (and Roman Culture)**

[The following reading may appear disjointed, but it concerns the following topics: the sources of Roman history, aspects of Etruscan history, the cultural complexity of Italy, including the presence of Celtic peoples, Roman religious practices and beliefs, and the traditional history of earliest Rome.]

Livy, *Early Rome*, Introduction (pp. 7-22); 1.1-16, 34-35, 53; 2.36; 4.24, 61; 5.1, 33; Maps (pp. 404-6).

Livy, *Rome and Italy*, Introduction (pp.20-3); 6.5 & 41; 7.2-6 & 20; 9.32, 36; 10.40 & 47.

Polybius, Introduction (pp. 32-4); 2.14-20; 6.56.

2. Sept. 9-13: **Rome: The Foundation and Monarchy--Fact and Fiction**

Livy, *Early Rome*, Introduction (pp. 22-25);

1.17-60

2.1-33, 55-59

3.25-31

Plutarch, *Coriolanus* 1-24

3. Sept. 14-20: **The Early Republic--The Struggle of the Orders**

Plutarch, *Coriolanus* 25-39

Livy, *Early Rome*, Introduction (pp. 25-29)

3.32-59

4.1-9 and 52-61

5.19-24

Polybius 6.11-18 and 43-55

6.1-35 and 42

7.1, 21, and 25

8.12, 18, 28, and 34

9.30, 45-46; and 10.6-9 and 37

4. Sept. 21-29: **The Early Republic--Romans and Their Neighbors**

Livy 2.33-40 (the *Foedus Cassianum* and another version of Coriolanus and early Rome)

3.1 (Anzio), 66

5.32-55

8.5-6, 11-17, 23-25

4.5, 28-29, 59-60

6.5, 22-29

9.1-8, 19, 35-36, 43, 45-46

7.17-18, 29-37

10.11-13, 21, 27, 30-43

Rome and Italy, Introduction (pp. 23-34) and maps (pp. 357-361)

Polybius 2.14-23; and 3.22-28.

5. Sept. 30-Oct. 6: **The First Punic War and Its Aftermath: The Romans Abroad**

Polybius 1.1-10, 11-24, 34-5, 49-51, 60-64; 2.1-13, 26-28, 36; 3.9-11

MID-TERM EXAMINATION: OCTOBER 9

6. Oct. 10-12: **The Second Punic War—The Beginnings of Empire**

Plutarch, *Fabius Maximus* and *Marcellus*

Polybius 3.6-15, 17, 20-1, 27-30, 33-40, 46, 49-50, 60-1, 74-5, 82-4, 86, 107, 116-118;

6.57; 8.3-7; 9.3-7; 11.1-3; and 15.5-6, 13-18.

7. Oct. 13-25: **Roman Civilization in the Mid-Republic: Culture, Society, & Politics**

Plautus, *The Rope* [e-res]

Plutarch, *Cato the Elder* (The Old Guard and the New Culture)

Polybius, Introduction (pp. 9-19, 30-4); 3.8-9; 6.1-19, 43-58; 12 (entire); 31.22-30.

Cicero, *Letters*, A nos. 1, 11, 26, 94; F nos. 3, 6, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 43, 44, 90, 92, 134, 111,

112, 123, 144, 147 166, 167, 193, 286, 197, 209, 249, 250, 334, 337 (Culture, Society, and

Political Networking)

Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches*, pp. 13-22, 146-164, 166-70 (culture, politics and society)

Livy, *Rome and Italy* 7.1-3 (Theater)

Rome and the Mediterranean (second century politics and society)

34.1-8, 46

39.6-19 and 40-44

45.35-40

35.8-10

40.29 and 45-46

38.43-60

42.3

Early History of Rome, pp. 12-16 (on the early writers of Roman history)

8. Oct. 26-Nov. 3: **The Romans and the Greek East**

A. Pre-200 B.C. Contacts: Polybius 2.2-12; 3.1-4; 5.101-5; 7.9; 15.20, 26-33

B. The Second Macedonian War: Livy 31.1-9, 14-18; 33.5-35; 34.49-52

FINAL EXAMINATION: DECEMBER 22, 8:00-10:30 a.m.