

THE HISTORY OF ROME: FROM GREATNESS TO RUINS
Spring Semester 2013

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WEEK ONE

January 8 Introduction and Etruscan Supremacy
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 1

January 10 Magna Grecia and the Beginnings of Rome
Read: Boatwright, Chapters 2 and 3

WEEK TWO

January 15 Conflict of the Orders
Read: Shotter, Introduction & Chapter 1; Boatwright Chapter 4

January 17 Imperialism and the First Punic War
Read: Shotter, Chapter 2

WEEK THREE

January 22 Unification of Italy
Read: Boatwright Chapter 5

January 24 The Second Punic War and Hannibal

WEEK FOUR

January 29 The Roman Revolution: The Gracchi
Read: Shotter, Chapter 3

January 31 Marius and the New Army and New Faces
Read: Shotter, Chapters 4, 5 and 6

WEEK FIVE

February 5 The First Triumvirate
Read: Shotter, Chapter 7

February 7 FIRST EXAM (Tentative)

WEEK SIX

February 12 The Gallic Wars and Julius Caesar
Read: Shotter, Chapter 8; Boatwright, Chapter 8

February 14 Fall of the Republic
Read: Shotter, Chapter 9 & Epilogue

WEEK SEVEN

February 19 *Princeps*
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 9

February 21 Augustus and the Empire

WEEK EIGHT

February 26 Julio-Claudians
Read: Boatwright, Chapters 10 and 11

February 28 Religions: Old and New

March 1
(Drop Day)

WEEK NINE

March 5 The Roman World

March 7 The Five Good Emperors
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 12

WEEK TEN

March 12 SECOND EXAM (Tentative)

March 14 The Golden Age

WEEK ELEVEN

March 18-22 SPRING BREAK

WEEK TWELVE

March 26 The Provinces

March 28 The Infamous Commodus

WEEK THIRTEEN

April 2 Septimius the Savior?

April 4 The Imperial Crisis
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 13

WEEK FOURTEEN

April 9 Recovery?

April 11 Constantine the Great
PAPER / PROJECT DUE

WEEK FIFTEEN

April 16 Heresy

April 18 The “Fall”
Read: Nardo, Introduction & Chapters 1-4

WEEK SIXTEEN

April 23 The East Endures and Conclusions
Read: Nardo, Chapter 5

April 25 Discuss and View Projects/Review

Required Books for the Course

Boatwright, Mary <u>et al.</u>	<u>A Brief History of the Romans</u>
Nardo, Don	<u>The Fall of the Roman Empire</u>
Shotter, David	<u>The Fall of the Roman Republic</u>

Grade Breakdown

Exam One	20%
Exam Two	20%
Paper/Project	25%
Class Participation/Attendance*	5%
Final Exam	30%

*Attendance policy: If there are three or more unexcused absences, the course grade will be dropped by one letter grade (for letter grade) or an unsatisfactory grade will be assigned (for pass/fail).

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