

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History

HISTORY 112
Semester II, 1988/89

Mr. Sacks

ROME: REPUBLIC AND EMPIRE

Course Description

In this course, we shall survey Roman history and civilization from its beginnings to the Fourth Century, A.D. Themes to be emphasized include: (i) Roman conquest of Italy and the Mediterranean; (ii) the internal political struggle and the evolution of the Republican state; (iii) the fall of the Republic and the growth of the autocracy; (iv) Roman adjustments in attempting to hold the empire together; and (v) the culture of the peoples subject to Roman rule.

LECTURES: 2/week plus one discussion section.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS: 6 week, 12 week, and final exam;

Honors students and 4-unit non-honors students will also write papers (below).

Exams: Will be essay style. They will require an understanding of the fundamental questions, supported by evidence found in the readings and lectures.

4-unit, non-honors students are required to write 2 very short (3-5 pages) papers based on the questions posed in Kagan. One topic should be selected from the first 7 questions, the second from the final 5. The first is due by March 16, the second by May 2.

Honors students: will write a paper supervised by the instructor.

GRADING: 3 units: approximately 25% for the 6 and 12 weeks exams, 10% for participation in discussion sections, and 40% for the final.

4 units: Approximately 20% for the 6 and 12 weeks exams and paper, 10% for participation in discussion sections, 30% for the final.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you register for 4 credits, you MUST do the required written work. If after having signed up for the fourth credit, you decide that you do not want to complete the written work, you MUST formally drop the credit, with the Registrar, by the 12th week of class. Only the Registrar can excuse you from the responsibility of doing the work for the fourth credit. If you do not drop that credit officially, you will be held responsible for it.

BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED: C. Roebuck, World of Ancient Times
D. Kagan, Problems in Ancient History, vol. II: The Roman World
Plutarch, Makers of Rome
Suetonius, The Twelve Caesars
Petronius, Satyricon
Plautus, Pot of Gold and Other Plays

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OFFICE HOURS: To be arranged

- Jan. 24: Introduction and Geographical Background
Roebuck 3-17, 416-421
- Jan. 26: From Before the Romans to the Kings
Roebuck 422-436
Kagan, c. 1
- Jan. 30: Struggle of the Orders (2 lectures)
& Feb.2: Roebuck 437-447
Plutarch, CORIOLANUS
- Feb. 7: The Winning of Italy
Roebuck 447-456
Kagan, c. 3
- Feb. 9: The First Punic War
Roebuck 457-463
- Feb. 14: The Second Punic War
Roebuck 463-469
Kagan, c. 4
Plutarch, FABIVS MAXIMVS AND MARCELLVS
- Feb. 16: Roman Society in the Third and Second Centuries
Roebuck 480-505
Plautus, PSEVDOLVS
- Feb. 21: Rome and the East
Roebuck 470-479
Kagan, c. 5
- Feb. 23: The Gracchi
Roebuck 506-515
Plutarch, TIBERIVS GRACCHVS AND GAIVS GRACCHVS
Kagan, c. 6,
- Feb. 28: EXAM
- Mar. 2: Gathering Stormclouds
Roebuck 515-541
Kagan, c. 7
- Mar. 7: The First Triumvirate and the
and 9: Coming of Civil War (2 lectures)
Roebuck 541-548
- Mar. 14: Julius Caesar, Dictator for Life
Roebuck 548-554
Suetonius, JULIVS CAESAR
Kagan, c. 8
- Mar 16: The Political Philosophy of Stoicism
Roebuck 554-559
FIRST PAPER DUE
- Mar. 28: The Second Triumvirate
and 30: and the Augustan Settlement
(2 lectures)
Roebuck 560-574
Kagan, c.9
Plutarch, MARK ANTONY
- Apr. 4: Augustus' Empire
Roebuck 574-587
Suetonius, AUGVSTVS
- Apr. 6: Tiberius, Caligula, and Claudius
Roebuck 588-596
Suetonius, TIBERIVS, CALIGVLA, and CLAVDIVS
Kagan, c. 10
- Apr. 11: The Last of the Julio-Claudians and the Flavians
Roebuck 596-615
Suetonius, NERO, VESPASIAN, TITVS, and DOMITIAN
- Apr. 13: EXAM
- Apr. 18: The Five Good Emperors
Roebuck 616-639
- Apr. 20: Roman Imperial Society
Roebuck 640-665
Petronius, SATYRICON
- Apr. 25: The Jews in the Roman World
Roebuck 611-613
- Apr. 27: The Third Century
Roebuck 666-676, 682-695
Peter Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 11-33 (On Reserve at H.C. White)
- May 2: Pagan Cults & Greek Philosophy
Roebuck 676-679
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 49-59, 70-81
- May 4: TO BE ARRANGED
SECOND PAPER DUE
- May 9: Diocletian and Constantine
Roebuck 695-709
Kagan, c. 12
- May 11: Christianity: Its Origins and Recognition
Roebuck 679-682, 691-693, 701-703
Brown, THE WORLD OF LATE ANTIQVITY, 60-69, 81-113
Kagan, c. 11