

THE HISTORY OF ROME: FROM GREATNESS TO RUINS
Spring Semester 2008

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WEEK ONE

January 7 Introduction

January 9 Etruscan Supremacy
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 1

January 11 Magna Grecia
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 2

WEEK TWO

January 14 The Beginnings of Rome

January 16 Conflict of the Orders
Read: Shotter, Introduction & Chapter 1; Boatwright Chapter 4

January 18 Imperialism
Read: Shotter, Chapter 2

WEEK THREE

January 21 HOLIDAY – NO CLASS

January 23 First Punic War

January 25 Unification of Italy
Read: Boatwright Chapter 5

WEEK FOUR

January 28 Roman Society in the Second Century

January 30 Second Punic War and Hannibal

February 1 The Roman Revolution: The Gracchi
Read: Shotter, Chapter 3

WEEK FIVE

February 4 Marius and the New Army
Read: Shotter, Chapter 4

February 6 New Faces
Read: Shotter, Chapters 5 & 6

February 8 FIRST EXAM (Tentative)

WEEK SIX

February 11 The First Triumvirate
Read: Shotter, Chapter 7

February 13 The Gallic Wars

February 15 Julius Caesar
Read: Shotter, Chapter 8; Boatwright, Chapter 8

WEEK SEVEN

February 18 Fall of the Republic
Read: Shotter, Chapter 9 & Epilogue

February 20 Battle of Actium
Read:

February 22 Principes
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 9

WEEK EIGHT

February 25 OPEN

February 27 Augustus and the Empire
Read:

February 29 Julio-Claudians

(Drop Day)

WEEK NINE

Read: Boatwright, Chapter 10

March 3

Julio-Claudians: Part II (continued)

Read: Boatwright, Chapter 11

March 5

Paganism and Judaism

March 7

Early Christianity

WEEK TEN

March 10

SECOND EXAM (Tentative)

March 12

The Roman World

March 14

The Five Good Emperors

Read: Boatwright, Chapter 12

WEEK ELEVEN

March 17 – 21

SPRING BREAK

WEEK TWELVE

March 24

The Five Good Emperors: Part II

March 26

The Golden Age

March 28

Roman Daily Life

WEEK THIRTEEN

March 31

The Provinces I

Read:

April 2

Roman Science

April 4

The Infamous Commodus

WEEK FOURTEEN

- April 7 Septimius the Savior?
- April 9 Rome and the East
- April 11 Elagabalus and Severus

WEEK FIFTEEN

- April 14 The Imperial Crisis
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 13
PAPERS DUE
- April 16 Constantine the Great
Read:
- April 18 Heresy

WEEK SIXTEEN

- April 21 The "Fall"
Read: Nardo, Introduction & Chapter 1-2
- April 23 It's Still Falling
Read: Nardo, Chapters 3 & 4
- April 25 The East Endures/Conclusions
Read: Nardo, Chapter 5

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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