**OPTIMATES AND POPULARES – Research Task**

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The Optimates and Populares were two political factions in ancient Rome that emerged during the late Roman Republic. These factions were characterized by their differing ideologies and strategies in pursuing political power.

Choose ONE (1) figure from each faction to research.

**OPTIMATES:**

Lucius Cornelius Sulla (138 – 78 BCE)

Marcus Porcius Cato the Younger (95 – 46 BCE)

Quintus Lutatius Catulus (c. 120 – 61BCE)

**POPULARES:**

Gaius Marius (157 – 86 BCE)

Julius Caesar (100 – 44 BCE)

Tiberius Gracchus (c. 169 – 133 BCE)

Gaius Gracchus (c. 154 – 121 BCE)

My chosen people to research are:

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POPULARES:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You must research the following for each person:

* + Background: Birth, family, early life.
  + Political Ideology: Beliefs, policies, and alliances.
  + Contributions: Notable actions, reforms, or military achievements.

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