

THE HISTORY OF ROME: FROM GREATNESS TO RUINS
Spring Semester 2011

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WEEK ONE

January 10	Introduction
January 12	Etruscan Supremacy Read: Boatwright, Chapter 1
January 14	Magna Grecia Read: Boatwright, Chapter 2

WEEK TWO

January 17	HOLIDAY – NO CLASS
January 19	The Beginnings of Rome Read: Boatwright, Chapter 3
January 21	Conflict of the Orders Read: Shotter, Introduction & Chapter 1; Boatwright Chapter 4

WEEK THREE

January 24	Imperialism Read: Shotter, Chapter 2
January 26	First Punic War
January 28	Unification of Italy Read: Boatwright Chapter 5

WEEK FOUR

January 31	Roman Society in the Third Century
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February 2 Second Punic War and Hannibal

February 4 The Roman Revolution: The Gracchi
Read: Shotter, Chapter 3

WEEK FIVE

February 7 Marius and the New Army
Read: Shotter, Chapter 4

February 9 New Faces
Read: Shotter, Chapters 5 & 6

February 11 FIRST EXAM (Tentative)

WEEK SIX

February 14 The First Triumvirate
Read: Shotter, Chapter 7

February 16 The Gallic Wars

February 18 Julius Caesar
Read: Shotter, Chapter 8; Boatwright, Chapter 8

WEEK SEVEN

February 21 Fall of the Republic
Read: Shotter, Chapter 9 & Epilogue

February 23 Battle of Actium
Read:

February 25 Princeps
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 9

WEEK EIGHT

February 28 OPEN – Catch Up

March 2 Augustus and the Empire

March 4 <u>(Drop Day)</u>	Julio-Claudians Read: Boatwright, Chapter 10
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WEEK NINE

March 7	Julio-Claudians: Part II (continued) Read: Boatwright, Chapter 11
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March 9	Paganism and Judaism
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March 11	Early Christianity
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WEEK TEN

March 14	SECOND EXAM (Tentative)
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March 16	The Roman World
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March 18	The Five Good Emperors Read: Boatwright, Chapter 12
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WEEK ELEVEN

March 21-25	SPRING BREAK
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WEEK TWELVE

March 28	The Five Good Emperors: Part II
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March 30	The Golden Age
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April 1	Roman Daily Life
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WEEK THIRTEEN

April 4	The Provinces Read:
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April 6	Roman Science
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April 8 The Infamous Commodus

WEEK FOURTEEN

April 11 Septimius the Savior?

April 13 Rome and the East

April 15 Elagabalus and Severus

WEEK FIFTEEN

April 18 The Imperial Crisis
Read: Boatwright, Chapter 13
PAPERS/PROJECTS DUE

April 20 Constantine the Great

April 22 Heresy

WEEK SIXTEEN

April 25 The “Fall”
Read: Nardo, Introduction & Chapter 1-2

April 27 It’s Still Falling
Read: Nardo, Chapters 3 &4

April 29 The East Endures/Conclusions
Read: Nardo, Chapter 5

Required Books for the Course

Boatwright, Mary et al.	<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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