Position Paper: Third Servile Revolt: Romans

*What military tactics can be used to match the slaves’ new-found revolt strategies?*

As stated in the background guide, I believe that by having mandatory health checks for the soldiers during this time will help prevent the amount of disease that spreads through army ranks. A way we could use disease to our advantage is to send our slaves whom have just caught the disease to join the rebellion, by doing so the disease would spread to their side of the war making their ranks weaker, giving the government a better chance at winning. The government should also begin to expand and put funds into the farms that we use to supply our military with food. Currently this system is not working as it should be and by creating more or larger farms the military will grow in strength.

*How can social threats be kept at bay while simultaneously prioritizing military offensive against the slave rebellion?*

In Rome at this time there were many social threats that they were also faced with at the time not only the slaves. Some roman masters were physically or mentally abusing their slaves which possibly led to the Servile Revolt. A possible way we could discourage this is by making sure all masters know that by doing this to their slaves the reasons for them joining the rebellion are much higher than they would have been if they had treated their slaves properly. Another large issue in this time is disease spreading rapidly. This can be preventing by trying to encourage going to bathe more, and by telling the general population about signs of the disease in question.

*How do political threats (aside from the slaves) differ in intent and capability? How do they differ from the slaves? Is there a possibility for coalitions to form?*

In the Rome at this time there were many different social and political issues happening around the same time. One issue that I believe could escalate quickly is the gap between those who are rich and those who are poor. I believe that after being given some time the slaves and people who are on the rural and poorer side of life will begin to realize that they have a lot in common, causing the poor to join the rebellion making this issue greater. One issue that I believe is very different from the slaves is the disease issue. This issue affects both sides of the argument equally and will all depend on how each side handles the issue will decide how it will play out for them.