

Preliminary Syllabus of Assignments

LAT215: The Crisis of the Roman Republic



Date	Topic	Presentations, Exams, & Work To Be Submitted
WEEK 1: Introduction to Roman Politics and Culture in the 1st century BCE		
W 9/1	Topics: Outline of the course; Introduction to the history and culture of the later Roman Republic Primary Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historia Romana</i> II.ii	
F 9/3	Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.ii	
WEEK 2: The Gracchi & the Jugurthine War: the Consolidation of Empire & the Cracks in the System		
M 9/6	<i>hodie ferias agimus</i>	
W 9/8	Primary Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.iii- iv Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 1-2	
F 9/10	Primary Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.vi Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 3	Quiz
WEEK 3: The Social War, Civil War, & Spartacus: Chaos in Italy		
M 9/13	Primary Readings: 2.12.2-6 on Marius's defeat of the Germanic invasions. Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.xiv-xv.2 Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 4	
W 9/15	Primary Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.xxii http://www.ualberta.ca/~csmackay/CLASS_366/Sulla's.Const.html Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 5	
F 9/17	Primary Readings: Velleius Paterculus <i>Historiae Romanae</i> II.xxvii.2-4, xxx.5-6 Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 6	Quiz
WEEK 4: Social Crisis: Populares Run Amok		
M 9/20	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 1-2 Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 7	
W 9/22	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 3-4	
F 9/24	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 5-6	Quiz
WEEK 5: Cultural Life in Rome: Poetry and Oratory		
M 9/27	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 7-9, Catullus 49 Secondary Reading: Handouts: Introduction to Catullus, "Cicero: Pessimus Poetarum?"	
W 9/29	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 10-12.1	
F 10/1	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 12.2-14	Quiz: Rhetorical terms
WEEK 6: Rome & its Provinces: The Development of an Imperial System		
M 10/4	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 15-17 Reading in English: Selections from Cicero, <i>Verrine Orations</i> 1.1-14	
W 10/6	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 18-19	
F 10/8	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 27.3-29	

WEEK 7:		
M 10/11	<i>hodie ferias agimus</i>	
W 10/13	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>First Catilinarian</i> 30-33, Catullus Reading in English: 23-29	
F 10/15	Trial of Cicero: In-class presentations	Due: Analysis of Cicero's Execution of the Conspirators
WEEK 8: The Rise of Caesar: The Conquest of Gaul & the "First Triumvirate"		
M 10/18	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Gallicum</i> 8.54-5 (Finis 8-9) Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 8	
W 10/20	<i>hodie ferias agimus</i>	
F 10/22	Major Reading: Cicero, <i>Epistulae Ad Atticum</i> 7.4 (Finis 11), Catullus 54, 93 Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 9	
WEEK 9: Clementia & the Roman Way of Making War		
M 10/25	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.19-20 (Finis 31) Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 10, p. 297-303	
W 10/27	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.21-22 (Finis 32) Readings in English: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 25.5-28, 20.3-31	
F 10/29	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.23-24.1, 29-30.1 (Finis 33) Readings in English: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 25.5-28, 20.3-31	
WEEK 10: Epicureanism and Stoicism		
M 11/1	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.32-33 (Finis 34) Readings in English: Cicero, <i>Epistulae ad Atticum</i> 10.8.6	
W 11/3	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.82, Cicero, <i>Epistulae ad Familiares</i> 7.3.2 (Finis 35) Readings in English: Caesar's Hispanic Campaign	Take Home Exam Distributed
F 11/5	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.83, Cicero <i>Epistulae ad Atticum</i> 11.6.2, <i>Epistulae ad familiares</i> 7.3.2, 4.14.2 (Finis 36)	
WEEK 11: Caesar in Egypt: Cleopatra and the Roman East		
M 11/8	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.86.1,5, 3.90-91 (Finis 37) Readings in English: Lucan, <i>Bellum Civile</i> , Selections	Take Home Exam Due
W 11/10	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.94.5-95 (Finis 38)	
F 11/12	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.96, 99 (Finis 39)	
WEEK 12: Republican Martyrs and the End of Caesar's War		
M 11/15	Major Reading: Caesar, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 3.103-104 (Finis 40) Readings in English: Plutarch's <i>Life of Pompey</i> 78-80; Plutarch's <i>Life of Cato</i> 67-73; <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 10, p. 303-337	
W 11/17	Major Reading: Lucan, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.1-32 Readings in English: Introduction to Lucan, Plutarch's <i>Life of Caesar</i> 199-214	
F	Major Reading: Lucan, <i>Bellum Civile</i> 1.125-157	Quiz

11/19	Readings in English: Plutarch's <i>Life of Caesar</i> 214-235	
WEEK 13		
M 11/22	Major Reading: Shakespeare's <i>Julius Caesar</i> Acts 1-3 Readings in English: Plutarch's <i>Life of Caesar</i> 235 – 244) (end)	
W 11/24	<i>hodie ferias agimus</i>	
F 11/26		
WEEK 14: What the Ides Wrought: the Assassination of Caesar & Obliteration of the Old Order		
M 11/29	Major Reading: Shakespeare's <i>Julius Caesar</i> Acts 4-5 Secondary Readings: <i>Rubicon</i> , ch. 11	
W 12/1	Major Reading: Propertius 1.21, 1.22 Readings in English: Propertius Book 1.1, 1.4	
F 12/3	Major Reading: Selections from <i>Philippicae</i> 2 Secondary Readings: Cicero, <i>Philippics</i> 2; Plutarch, <i>Life of Cicero</i> , 45-49	Quiz: Civil War Poets
WEEK 15: Octavian's Improbable Rise and the Cost of Pax Romana		
M 12/6	Major Reading: Vergil, <i>Eclogue</i> 1 Readings in English: Vergil, <i>Eclogues</i> 4	
W 12/8	Major Reading: Horace, <i>Odes</i> 1.37	
F 12/10	Major Reading: Horace, <i>Odes</i> 4.5	
WEEK 16: Conclusion & Review		
M 12/13	Horace, <i>Odes</i> 4.7	Due (12/20): Counterfactual History: Augustus Dies in 23 BCE