

Classics 115B

Topics in Greek and Roman History: Imperialism in Antiquity

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September	6	Introduction
	11-13	Research “empires/imperialism” and Egypt under Ramses II Write Ungraded Exercise #1 (see below)
	18-20	Research Assyria and Phoenician states of Sidon and Tyre Write Ungraded Exercise #2
	25-27	Read Herodotus 1 on the Lydian and Persian Empires Write Ungraded Exercise #3
October	3-4	Read Herodotus 3 Write Paper #1 (at least 5 pages)
	9-18	Rome: Origins to Trajan Polybius 6 Sallust, <i>Jugurthine War & Catilinarian Conspiracy</i> (prefaces) Livy 1 (preface) Tacitus, <i>Annals</i> 1 (preface) Write Paper #2
	23-30	Trajan and the Second Century Gibbon, <i>Decline and Fall</i> , chapters 1-3 Pliny the Younger, <i>Letters</i> 10 Apuleius, <i>The Golden Ass</i>
November	1-8	Severus to Diocletian Scriptores Augustae Historiae, <i>Lives</i> (selections)
	13-15	The Dominate Eusebius, <i>History of the Church</i> 10 Zosimus, <i>Nova Historia</i> 2
	20-22	Ammianus Marcellinus 28 & 31 All first drafts due
	28-30	Augustine, <i>City of God</i> 1
December	1-4	Procopius, <i>Secret History</i> (foreword and chapter 1) Gibbon, <i>Decline & Fall</i> , chapters 31, 36, & 43

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Writing (80%) and class participation (20%) will comprise the course grade. **Academic integrity, as defined by the Student Handbook is essential.** The ungraded exercises are intended as brief (1-2 pages) brainstorming opportunities wherein you may posit possible topics and get feedback on your analytic and writing skills. While the subject is at your discretion, I recommend defining imperialism, considering Near Eastern material, and response papers to the readings as viable options, as well as methodological issues.