

CLAS / HIST 4091 / 5091 Roman Empire
Facebook Assignment: Due Friday Sept. 23, 2011

Option 1: Facebook Assignment

The object of this assignment is to have you create a Facebook page for any emperor or empress of your choice between Tiberius (AD 14-37) and Romulus Augustulus (AD 475-476). By the time you turn in this assignment, we will have covered emperors and empresses only through Marcus Aurelius (AD 161-180), but this needn't stop you from choosing a later emperor or empress if you wish.

Your page must include text that should be equal in length to 2000 words. It can also include images, videos, etc. The information should reflect the personality of the emperor with the object being to:

Convey the personality and policies of the emperor or empress you have chosen.

In order to complete the assignment, you will need a Facebook account. If you do not have one and wish to do Option 1, you must first create your own Facebook account. Once you have a personal Facebook account, you must:

- 1) go to <http://www.facebook.com/pages/create.php>
- 2) Click on the "Entertainment" tab
- 3) under "Choose a category" pick "fictional character"
- 4) name your character (presumably your emperor, although you may have to add titles given that many emperors already have pages, AND YOUR EMPEROR MUST HAVE A UNIQUE NAME ON FACEBOOK)

Much of your essay can be listed under the "Info" tab and especially under the "biography" and "personal interests" sections, but you should also select a "profile photo" and post things to your wall.

For an example, search for the page I created for "Emperor Valens". BUT, I would not consider this page an "A" page; for this you would need more detail, more images, and more posts to the wall.

ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ASSIGNMENT, AND CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN 10 AM, FRIDAY, SEPT. 23, SEND ME (LENSKI@COLORADO.EDU) AN EMAIL WITH THE NAME OF YOUR EMPEROR. I WILL GRADE ALL PAGES IN THE COURSE OF THAT DAY IN RANDOM ORDER, SO ANY CHANGES YOU MAKE AFTER CLASS THAT DAY ARE UNLIKELY TO BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF.

Option 2: Paper

If you do not do Facebook, or if you prefer not to produce a Facebook page for this assignment, you may choose instead to write a SIX PAGE PAPER ON A

ROMAN EMPEROR OR EMPRESS OF YOUR CHOICE. You may select any emperor between Tiberius (AD 14-37) and Romulus Augustulus (AD 475-476)

The theme of the paper should be: *How was the emperor you have chosen successful or unsuccessful on the terms expected of an emperor in the Roman world?*

The paper should be double spaced, in Times New Roman Font with normal margins. It should have clear organization and writing. Spelling and grammar errors will count against your grade.

Please submit a paper copy of the paper to me in class by 10 a.m. on Friday Sept. 23.