

## READING LIST FOR M.A. COMPREHENSIVE EXAM ROMAN HISTORY

The following list offers required readings and choices for the M.A. in Classical Antiquities, Special Field: Roman History. Students are expected to consult with the Chair of the Examination Committee and finalize a list which will form the basis of their special field examination.

Select three of the following areas of concentration. Your selections must include either I or II, but may also include both. All sources may be read in English.

### **I. Roman Republic: Political and Military History**

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

Livy *Histories*, Books 5, 6, 20, 21, 37, 39 Polybius *Histories*, Books 1-6

Caesar *Civil Wars*

Appian, *Civil Wars*

Cicero, *Verrine Orations*

Cicero, *Catilinarian Orations*

Sallust, *Catiline and Jugurtha*

Plutarch, *Lives of Coriolanus, Fabius Maximus, Marcellus, Cato the Elder, Tiberius Gracchus, Gaius Gracchus, Sertorius, Brutus, Mark Antony*

- B. Textbook: read chapters 1-8 from the following:

M.T. Boatwright, D. Gargola, R. Talbert *The Romans: From Village to Empire* (Oxford, 2004)

- C. Secondary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

A.E. Astin et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 8, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1989).

E. Badian, *Foreign Clientelae* (Oxford, 1958).

P. A. Brunt, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (Oxford 1988).

J.A. Crook et al. eds. *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 9, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1994).

H. Flower *The Cambridge Companion to the Roman Republic* (Cambridge, 2004)

E. Gruen *The Hellenistic World and the Coming of Rome* (Berkeley, 1984).

A. Lintott *The Constitution of the Roman Republic* (Oxford, 1999)

F. Millar *The Crowd in Rome in the Late Republic* (Berkeley, 1998)

T. Mommsen, *The History of Rome, Vol. 1*, trans. W. Dickson (Cambridge, 2010).

R. Syme *The Roman Revolution* (Oxford, 1939).

### **II. Roman Empire: Political and Military History**

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

Tacitus, *Annals*, Books 1-4

Suetonius, *Lives of the Caesars*

*Historia Augusta*

Dio Cassius, *Roman History*, Books 50-56

Herodian, *History of the Roman Empire*

B. Textbook: read chapters 9-13 from the following:

M.T. Boatwright, D. Gargola, R. Talbert *The Romans: From Village to Empire* (Oxford, 2004)

C. Secondary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

C. Ando, *Imperial Ideology and Provincial Loyalty in the Roman Empire* (Berkeley, 2000)

A.K. Bowman et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 10, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1995).

A.K. Bowman et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 11, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 2008).

A.K. Bowman et al. \*eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 12, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 2008).

P.A. Brunt, *Roman Imperial Themes* (Oxford, 1990).

E. Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* chapters 1-16.

F. Millar, *The Emperor in the Roman World* (Ithaca, 1977).

D. Potter, *The Roman Empire at Bay, AD 180-395* (New York, 2004)

R. Syme, *Tacitus* (Oxford, 1958).

### III. Social and Economic History

A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

Pliny the Younger, *Letters*, Books 1-9

Cato, *On Agriculture* and Varro, *On Farming*

P.G. Walsh, *M. Tullius Cicero: Correspondence, English Selections* (Oxford, 2008).

Petronius, *Satyricon*

Apuleius, *The Golden Ass*

Seneca, *Letters*

M. Fant and M. Lefkowitz, *Women in Greece and Rome* 2nd ed. (London, 1982).

B. Secondary: select three of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.

R. Duncan Jones *The Economy of the Roman Empire: Quantitative Studies* (Cambridge, 1974).

K.R. Bradley *Slavery and Society at Rome* (Cambridge, 1994).

S. Dixon, *Reading Roman Women: Sources, Genres and Real Life* (London, 2001)

J. Gardner, *Women in Roman Law and Society* (London, 1986).

P. Garnsey and R. Saller *The Roman Empire. Economy, Society and Culture* (Berkeley, 1987).

K. Hopkins *Conquerors and Slaves* (Cambridge, 1977).

- P. Horden and N. Purcell *The Corrupting Sea, A Study of Mediterranean History* (Oxford, 2000)
- R. Saller *Patriarchy, Property, and Death in the Roman Family* (Cambridge, 1994).
- W. Scheidel et al. eds. *The Cambridge Economic History of the Greco Roman World* (Cambridge, 2008)
- S. Treggiari *Roman Marriage* (Oxford, 1991).
- P. Veyne *Bread and Circuses* (London, 1990).

#### IV. Roman Law

- A. Primary  
Gaius *Institutes* or Justinian *Institutes*
- B. Textbook: Read entire:  
P. DuPlessi Borkowski's Textbook on Roman Law, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Oxford, 2010).
- C. Secondary: select three of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
E. J. Champlin *Final Judgments: Duty and Emotion in Roman Wills, 200 B.C.-A.D. 250* (Princeton, 1989).  
J.A. Crook *Legal Advocacy in the Roman World* (Ithaca, 1995).  
J. A. Crook *Law and Life in Republican Rome* (Ithaca, 1967).  
J.F. Gardner *Family and Familia in Roman Law and Life* (Oxford, 1998)  
A. Riggsby *Crime and Community in Ciceronian Rome* (Austin, 1999).  
A. Watson *Roman Slave Law* (Baltimore, 1987).  
A. Watson *International Law in Archaic Rome: War and Religion* (Baltimore, 1993).

#### V. Provinces

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
N. Lewis and M. Reinhold (eds.), *Roman Civilization* 3rd ed. (New York, 1990) Vol. II, ch. 4.  
Josephus, *Jewish Wars*  
Pliny the Younger, *Letters*, Book 10  
Aelius Aristides, *Oration to Rome*  
Dio Chrysostom, *Orations*  
Apuleius, *The Golden Ass*  
A. K. Bowman and J. D. Thomas, *The Vindolanda Writing Tablets (Tabulae Vindolandenses II)* (London 1994).  
J. Reynolds *Aphrodisias and Rome* (London, 1989).
- B. Secondary (select three of the following in consultation with your professor)  
S. Alcock, *Graecia Capta: The Landscapes of Roman Greece* (Cambridge, 1993).  
A. Bowman, *Egypt After the Pharaohs* (Berkeley, 1986).  
A.H.M. Jones, *The Cities of the Eastern Roman Provinces* (Oxford, 1971).  
M. Kulikowski, *Late Roman Spain and its Cities* (Baltimore, 2004)  
F. Millar, *The Roman Near East 31 BC - AD 337* (Cambridge, 1993).

- S. Mitchell, *Anatolia* (Oxford, 1993).  
 A. Mocsy, *Pannonia and Upper Moesia* (London, 1974).  
 P. Salway, *The Oxford Illustrated History of Roman Britain* (Oxford, 1994).  
 M. Sartre, *The Middle East Under Rome* (Cambridge, MA, 2005)  
 G. Woolf, *Becoming Roman. The Origins of Provincial Civilization in Gaul* (Cambridge, 1998).

## VI. The Roman Army

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
 Polybius, *Histories* book 6  
 Caesar, *Gallic Wars*  
 Anonymous, *De rebus bellicis*  
 Frontinus, *Stratagemata*  
 Vegetius, *De re militari*
- B. Secondary (select three of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee)  
 A. Birley, *The Roman Army Papers, 1929-1986* (Amsterdam, 1986).  
 A. K Bowman, *Life and Letters on the Roman Frontier* (London, 1994).  
 J.B. Campbell, *The Emperor and the Roman Army, 31 BC-AD 235* (Oxford, 1984).  
 H. Elton, *Warfare in Roman Europe, AD 350-425* (Oxford, 1996).  
 E. Gabba, *Republican Rome, the Army, and the Allies* (Berkeley, 1976).  
 A. Goldsworthy, *The Roman Army at War, 100 BC-AD 200* (Oxford, 1996).  
 L. Keppie, *The Making of the Roman Army: From Republic to Empire* (Totowa, 1984).  
 J.E. Lendon, *Soldiers and Ghosts: A History of Battle in Classical Antiquity* (New Haven, 2005).  
 E. Luttwak, *The Grand Strategy of the Roman Empire* (Baltimore, 1976).  
 M. Speidel, *Roman Army Studies* (Amsterdam, 1984).  
 C.R. Whittaker, *Frontiers of the Roman Empire* (Baltimore, 1994).

## VII. Cultural History and Education

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
 Cicero, *On the Orator*  
 Suetonius *Lives of the Grammarians and Rhetors*  
 Quintilian, *The Orator's Education*  
 Seneca the Elder, *Declamations*  
 Eunapius, *Lives of the Sophists*  
 Macrobius, *Saturnalia*  
 M. Joyal, I. McDougall, J. Yardley *Greek and Roman Education: A sourcebook* (New York, 2009)
- B. Secondary: select three of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
 S. F. Bonner, *Education in Ancient Rome* (Berkeley, 1977).

- G. Bowersock, *Hellenism in Late Antiquity* (Ann Arbor, 1990).  
 R. Criore, *Gymnastics of the Mind* (Princeton, 2001).  
 E. Gruen, *Culture and National Identity in Republican Rome* (Ithaca, 1992).  
 W.A. Johnson and H.N. Parker, eds. *Ancient literacies : the culture of reading in Greece and Rome* (Oxford 2009)  
 H.I. Marrou, *A History of Education in Antiquity* (Madison, 1956).  
 R.A. Kaster, *Guardians of Language* (Berkeley, 1988).  
 R.A. Kaster, *Emotion, restraint, and community in ancient Rome* (Oxford, 2005)  
 E. Rawson, *Roman Culture and Society* (Oxford, 1991)  
 E. Rawson, *Intellectual Life in the Late Roman Republic* (Baltimore, 1985).  
 A. Wallace-Hadrill, *Rome's Cultural Revolution* (Cambridge, 2008).

### VIII. Late Antiquity

- A. Primary: select two of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
 Ammianus Marcellinus, *Histories*  
 Procopius, *Secret History*  
 Augustine, *Confessions*  
 Symmachus, *Relationes*  
 Eusebius, *Life of Constantine*  
 Socrates Scholasticus, *History of the Church*  
 A.D. Lee, *Pagans and Christians in Late Antiquity: A Sourcebook* (London, 2000)
- B. Secondary: select three of the following in consultation with the Chair of the Examination Committee.  
 P. Brown, *The World of Late Antiquity* (London, 1981).  
 P. Brown, *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Malden, MA, 2003)  
 J.B. Bury, *History of the Later Roman Empire* (New York, 1958).  
 A. Cameron et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 13, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1998).  
 A. Cameron et al. (eds.), *The Cambridge Ancient History* Vol. 14, 2nd ed. (Cambridge, 2008).  
 G. Fowden, *From Empire to Commonwealth* (Princeton, 1994).  
 W. Goffart, *Barbarian Tides: The Migration Age and the Later Roman Empire* (Philadelphia 2006)  
 P. Heather, *Empires and Barbarians: The Fall of Rome and the Birth of Europe* (Oxford, 2010).  
 J. Matthews, *The Roman Empire of Ammianus* (Baltimore, 1989).  
 B. Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (Oxford, 2005).

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