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## Roman Coin Project

Latin PIB3

### I. Project Overview

Roman coins were never just coins. They were powerful tools of political messaging, religious symbolism, and imperial propaganda. In this project, you will research a real ancient Roman coin, compare it to a modern one, and design your own. Finally, you will put all your information together into one presentation.

You will have 5 WEEKS to complete this project with ample class time, but may need to do some work outside of class.

**My coin topic & ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1** (research coin) **due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2** (compare to modern coin) **due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steps 3** (make coin) **& 4** (poster) **due:** \_\_\_\_\_



## II. Step-By-Step Overview

### **Step 1: Research Assigned Coin**

- Recommended source list for coins:
  - CU Art Museum (W. Jaffee Roman Coin Collection): [http://5065.sydneyplus.com/CU\\_Art\\_Museum\\_ArgusNet/Portal.aspx](http://5065.sydneyplus.com/CU_Art_Museum_ArgusNet/Portal.aspx)
  - American Numismatic Society: <https://numismatics.org/search/search>
  - Roman Coinage (Oxford University): <https://rpc.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/>
  - Coinage of the Roman Republic: <https://numismatics.org/crro/>
- Recommended source list for biographical information:
  - [Britannica.com](http://Britannica.com)
  - Other websites ending in .edu or ask Magistra
- Find & enter all information in provided chart (p. 7-8)
- **You must submit Step 1 before starting Step 2**

### **Step 2: Analytic Comparison**

- Choose a modern currency (anything other than USA)
- Find & enter all information in provided chart (p. 9-10)
- **You must submit Step 2 before starting Step 3**

### **Step 3: Artistic Reconstruction**

- Option A: 3D Coin Replica
  - Create a 3D rendering of your Roman coin (size: index to notebook)
  - Coin should include all inscriptions & imagery from both sides
  - Include a brief explanation of your artistic process
- Option B: Create Your Own!
  - You are the ruler of your empire
  - Design a two-sided coin (can be 2D) with clear images & inscriptions
  - Include brief explanation of your choices

### **Step 4: Final Presentation**

- Your presentation will be on a tri-fold or library poster. It must include:
  - Step 1 Research
  - Step 2 Comparison
  - Step 3 Coin Art
- Presentations should be organized, proofread, and include clear images
- Please sign & tape Fairview Honor Code to back of presentation

### III. Academic Integrity & Effort Expectations

This is a PIB3-level project. Depth, clarity, and intellectual honesty are expected.

- Rushed or last-minute work will be evident and reflected in your score.
- You may not redo this project for a higher grade.
- Work that appears copied or inconsistent with ability may require an in-person oral explanation for verification, or subject to a zero.
- **Due to the length of time to complete this project & multiple class periods, there will not be extensions.**

### IV. Grading Rubric (80 Points Total)

	<b>Excellent (20-18)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (17-14)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (13-0)</b>
<b>Step 1: Research</b> ___ / 20	All required info included & correct; strong historical analysis.	Info mostly included & accurate; limited analysis.	Incomplete, inaccurate, minimal info; weak or copied analysis.
<b>Step 2: Analytic Comparison</b> ___ / 20	Clear comparison to non-US modern currency; insightful analysis of design/imagery, meaning/symbolism, & political messaging.	Basic comparison that addresses some categories; limited depth or explanation	Comparison is unclear, incomplete, or off-topic; minimal effort or missing required elements
<b>Step 3: Artistic Reconstruction</b> ___ / 20	Coin is neat, detailed, & shows effort; both sides with thoughtful imagery and inscriptions; explanation clear and shows reasoning behind choices	Coin is complete but lacks detail or precision; some elements missing or unclear; very brief explanation	Incomplete, rushed, or difficult to understand; missing key elements (ex. imagery, inscriptions, second side); little/no explanation
<b>Step 4: Final Presentation</b> ___ / 20	Presentation includes all requirements (incl. honor code) & is engaging, polished, & organized; shows depth, effort, and insight.	Clear but basic; missing some info; creative option completed but lacks depth.	Rushed, disorganized, unclear; missing much info; creative option incomplete or superficial.



**Please sign & attach this to the back of your final presentation.**

**Fairview High School Honor Pledge:**

On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance  
as described in the Academic Honesty Code on this work and  
I have fully acknowledged the work and ideas of others.

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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### STEP 1: Research Coin

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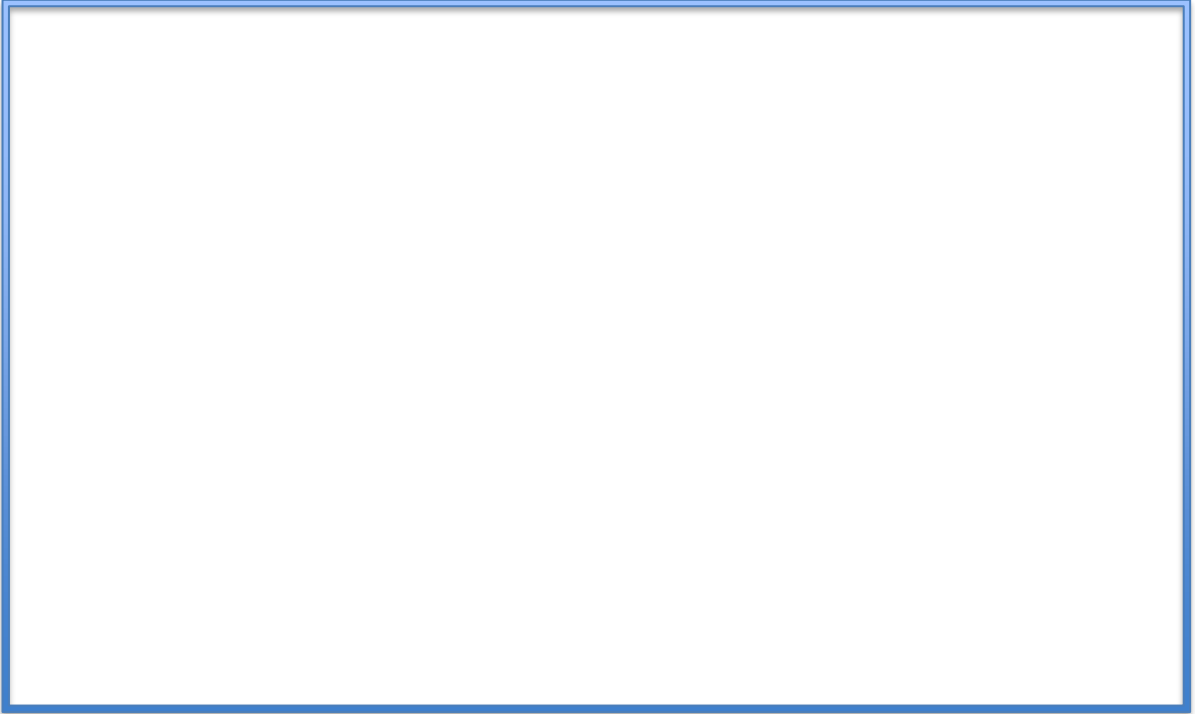
- sources used: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Information</b>
Date coined	
Material	
Latin inscription	<i>Include Latin abbreviations &amp; full word (ex. C[aesar])</i>
English translation of all inscriptions	
Explanation of all images/symbols	
Broader historical & political significance of imagery &/or text	
Brief summary of each person featured (image) or mentioned (in text)	

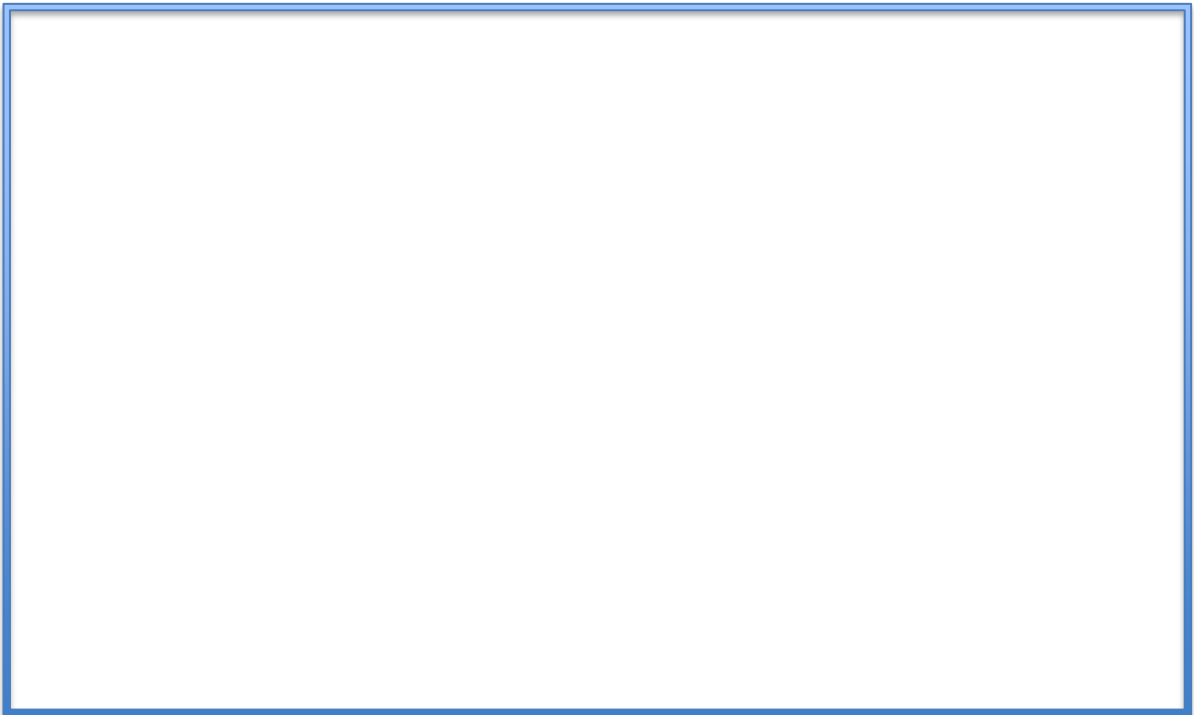
**On the back of this page:**

Print out a clear image of each side of your coin and paste in the boxes.

Ancient Coin (obverse/front):



Ancient Coin (reverse/back):



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## STEP 2: Analytic Comparison

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- sources used: \_\_\_\_\_  
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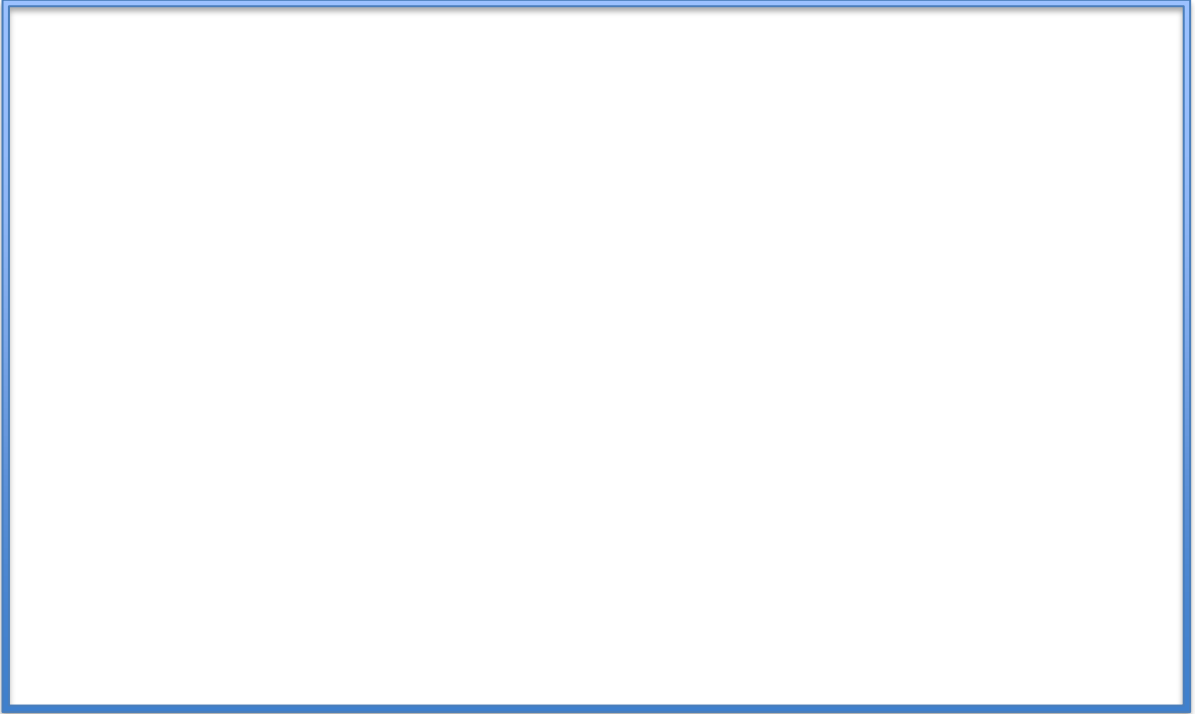
<b>Modern Currency</b>	<b>Information</b>
Date coined	
Material	
Inscriptions & English translations (if necessary)	
Explanation of all images/symbols	
Broader historical & political significance of imagery &/or text	

	<b>Similarities</b>	<b>Differences</b>
Design & imagery		
Meaning & symbolism		
Political messaging		

### **On the back of this page:**

Print out a clear image of each side of your modern currency and paste in the boxes.

Modern Currency (front):



Modern Currency (back):

