

Latin III Summer Assignment
(for students who will be enrolled in Latin III 2019-2020)

Listed below are several figures and incidents important in the history of Rome from the Second Punic War to 31 BC. (The complete Latin forms of names which are normally anglicized are given parenthetically.)

Your assignment is to write a brief narrative of Roman military and political history of this period, which includes all items listed, in such a way as to make clear their role in Roman history. Do not summarize the biography of every person on the list; do not indulge in narrations of battle tactics or political maneuvering. Your concern is with the role of individuals in really important military and political events, and why these events were important. (Hint: if items on the list “overlap”-- an individual and an event, two individuals, etc., that is a very good indication of what is important.) You will doubtless have cause to refer to persons, places, and incidents not on this list, but do not dwell on them.

You may use whatever sources you desire to complete this assignment. A good encyclopedia or classical dictionary is probably sufficient, but a history of Rome would also be useful. Obviously, you are not simply to cut-and-paste information, but to synthesize it. INCLUSION OF EXTRANEOUS INFORMATION WILL BE PENALIZED.

Your essay will be graded on the following criteria:

Synthesis of information into a narrative. (Not a list, a narrative)

Style (appropriate diction, spelling, etc)

Completeness (all items, all relevant information)

Avoidance of Extraneous material (What is really important? We know a lot for example about Cicero; but most of it has no impact on the broad course of history. BE SELECTIVE)

This assignment is to be submitted via google classroom or e-mail to wenglinsky.m@stsaviour.org on or before Tuesday 3 September 2019 (yes, that’s before classes start).

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1. Actium, Battle of
2. Agrippa (M. Vipsanius Agrippa)
3. Antony (M. Antonius)
4. Caesar (C. Julius Caesar)
5. Cannae, battle of
6. Catiline (L. Sergius Catilina)
7. Cato the Elder (M. Porcius Cato “Maior” or “Censorius”)
8. Cato the Younger (M. Porcius Cato “Minor” or “Uticensis”)
9. Cicero (M. Tullius Cicero)
10. Cleopatra (Cleopatra VII Philopater)
11. Crassus (M. Licinius Crassus)
12. Gracchi Brothers (G. and T. Sempronius Gracchus)
13. Hannibal
14. Jugurtha of Numidia
15. Lake Trasimene, battle of
16. Lepidus (M. Aemelius Lepidus)
17. Marius (G. Marius)
18. Milo (T. Annius Milo)
19. Mithridates of Pontus
20. *Optimates* and *Populares*
21. P. Clodius Pulcher
22. Pharsalus, battle of
23. Pompey (Cn. Pompeius Magnus)
24. Q. Fabius Maximus
25. Rubicon (river)
26. Scipio Africanus
27. Spartacus
28. Sulla (L. Cornelius Sulla)
29. Vercingetorix
30. Zama, battle of