

**HIST 4023 Roman Republic**  
**Paper 2 (3200-3600 words)**  
**Due December 5 by 5pm**

For this paper you will be returning to the first four books of Livy. Livy was writing towards the end of the first century BCE, but in looking back on Rome's early history he (and his own sources) were no doubt influenced by recent events in Roman history. Your assignment is to analyze Livy's early books in the context of the Late Roman Republic (146-44 BCE) and determine how and by what events they were shaped. Since we lack Livy's later books, you will need to rely on the other texts we have read for class for information about the last century of the Roman Republic and what the ancient historians thought of it. These texts include Appian's *Civil Wars*, Plutarch's *Lives of the Gracchi*, the works of Sallust, and the works of Cicero.

Some questions you should consider:

- What problems plaguing Rome in Livy 1-4 resemble the issues of the later 2nd and 1st centuries?
- What laws in Livy 1-4 most closely resemble later legislation?
- Are there any figures from Livy 1-4 who resemble leaders and politicians of the late Republic as they are presented in the later historians?
- Does the kind of rhetoric employed by different figures in Livy 1-4 have parallels in the rhetoric in any of the later historians or Cicero?
- Are there specific instances or events chronicled in the later historians that closely parallel or otherwise suggest Livy's version of early Rome?

Based on this analysis and using specific examples, you should explain how Livy's narrative reflects the problems of the late Republican period, and how this affects his value as an historical source for early Rome. Be analytical, but not judgmental - remember, ancient historians have different standards than modern historians.

You are to limit your analysis to the ancient texts themselves – do not look at modern scholarship. I want to read what you have to say, not what someone else has to say. Using other sources will result in an automatic F on the paper. Make sure to provide documentation and parallels from the other sources we have read for class. If you have any questions about the events in the late Roman Republic, do not hesitate to ask me.

Use direct quotes sparingly and when they will specifically illustrate the point you are trying to make. Otherwise, paraphrase. Whenever you are quoting, paraphrasing, or simply referring to something an author says cite the particular passage in your paper. Cite by book or work and chapter either in the sentence or parenthetically; e.g. "As Livy says at 2.43..." or "as explained by Sallust (*Jug.* 15)" Don't forget to put a page number at the bottom of the page. Papers should be 3200 words long, double-spaced, with 1" margins all around. Use Times New Roman or a similar font. You do not need to include a bibliography since you are only using sources from class.

Papers are due on December 5 by 5pm. Submit your papers as .doc, .docx, or .pdf files to [cmuntz@uark.edu](mailto:cmuntz@uark.edu). Late papers will not be accepted without prior approval except in cases of documented emergencies.