

Journal Research Reports

Students are required to submit a research report on a topic in Roman history. **They are to do so by reading articles published in scholarly academic journals in ancient history, classical studies, or classical archaeology ONLY**, and writing a report on the contents of the articles which they read. Any articles taken from a journal that is not a scholarly ancient history, classical studies, or classical archeology journal will not be accepted, and the journal research report containing them will be **penalized a full letter grade, or 20 points**, for each non-ancient history, classical studies, or classical archeology article contained in the report. Any questions about whether or not a journal is an ancient history, classical studies, or classical archeology journal, must be referred to me via email at robert.dise@uni.edu (emailing will provide a record of our consultation), and I will tell you whether or not the journal in question is acceptable.

The report is to be submitted **electronically**, as an email attachment in MS Word format (.doc or .docx). Reports are due on the date indicated on the Weekly Assignments Schedule. **Reports submitted late will be penalized TWENTY-FIVE (25) points for EACH class day that they are late.** Late penalties will be applied beginning at the conclusion of class on the date the reports are due.

The report must discuss a **minimum of FIVE** scholarly articles. Each article is to be discussed individually, on its own page, or pages, in the report. The discussion should combine a summary of the contents of the article with an analysis of the article's argument, sources, and methodology. The first line of the first page discussing each individual article must identify the article being discussed by giving the following information in the following order:

author's last name, author's first name and middle initial, title of the article in quotation marks, title of the journal either italicized or underlined, volume number of the journal, year of the volume, page numbers containing the article

If your report covers fewer than five articles, it will be **penalized a full letter grade (20 points)** for each article that it lacks.

Students are to include at the conclusion of their report a general discussion of what they learned **about their topic** from the articles which they read. This discussion must **NOT** be a series of summaries of the various articles. It is to be an overview of what was learned **about the topic** from reading the articles as a whole. If you merely summarize the various articles' contents, your grade will be reduced.

Journal articles can be found by consulting on-line bibliographic resources such as JSTOR or *L'Annee Philologique*. *L'Annee Philologique* is particularly valuable as a resource in classical studies, classical archeology, and Greek and Roman history. For instructions on how to consult *L'Annee*, see How To Do Research in Classical Studies, on the course website.

Formatting Requirements

ON THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR REPORT, state your name and the topic you are looking at, **and list the articles** that you are summarizing. The articles should be listed in the following format:

author's last name, author's first name and middle initial, title of the article in quotation marks, title of the journal either italicized or underlined, volume number of the journal, year of the volume, page numbers containing the article

Failure to include this initial page will cost your report a **full letter grade (20 points)**.

The discussion of each article must be **single-spaced, not multiple-spaced (which is the MS Word default spacing)**, and must be **AT LEAST a FULL page in length**. Reports which fail to conform to these requirements and/or in which any article discussion is not at least a full page in length will be **penalized a full letter grade (20 points)** for each article discussion that fails to conform.

The discussion at the end of the report of what students learned about their topic must be **double-spaced**, and at least **two FULL** pages in length. Failure to double-space this discussion, or submitting less than two full pages of discussion, will cause a report to be **penalized a full letter grade (20 points)**.

All pages must be numbered. Failure to do so will cause a report to be **penalized a full letter grade (20 points)**. Page margins should be 1¼ inches left and right, and one inch top and bottom.

IMPORTANT:

Read the document “Writing Errors to Avoid” on my website (www.uni.edu/dise), and avoid those errors. Remember: **each time** you commit one of them, it will cost you **five points** off of the grade given your Journal Research Report.

BAD GRAMMAR WILL LOWER YOUR GRADE