

Latin III Project

As I have already said a few times, this year is devoted to the times and events of the Republican Period of Rome, especially the Late Republic. Much went on politically, socially, economically, artistically and militarily. You have much to choose from. Here is the basic layout of the plan.

For 6 weeks on Fridays (or Wednesdays of shortened weeks) you will work in class on putting together your project. You can research or plan your presentation. Each week will count as 5 points toward your grade. **Any** deviation from working on the project will hurt your final grade. $5 \times 6 = 30$ points

Your presentation in class will count for 70 points (equaling 100). It should be about 10-15 minutes in length. But remember, ***quality will count more than quantity***. If you are near 10 minutes and you did a very good job, you will not be penalized. In the presentation, I will look for the following:

- **Knowledge of the topic chosen**
- **Posters, graphs, charts, powerpoint or some visual aid**
- **Organization of the presentation (show me you thought about how to put it together)**
- **Each of you must speak about aspects of the topic**
- **A bibliography of resources you used**

Use your class time wisely. You will have 40 minutes during these weeks to work on this. You have the resources in the room – the books plus the computers if necessary. Also, I will speak to Mrs. Konefal about putting some materials aside. You may also use me as a guide to get yourselves going on gathering your information. These presentations are to be informative so that you and your classmates understand better the life and times of people like Cicero. Information from these presentations will be on your midterm – you may wish to make a handout for your classmates to help them organize their notes.

Here are some things you can look into to get started on organizing a topic:

- The Military Careers of people like Julius Caesar, Antony and Pompey
- The Political Careers of the Gracchī Brothers, Cicero, Caesar, Cato, Scipio, Crassus, Brutus, etc
- Roman Family Life – the role of women and children
- Roman Laws – the way they were established – some of the really important ones
- Roman authors who were prominent and what they wrote about
- The Senate and its changes and power & The Cursūs Honōrum – the ranks of office in government and the way it was set up
- The Catilinarian Conspiracy – looking ahead to 2nd semester's work
- The Various Civil Wars that took place – Marius and Sulla, Caesar and Pompey
- The Three Punic Wars – Hannibal, etc.
- Powerful Women like Sempronia and Cornelia and others and how they were viewed in Society