

Western Civilizations

Roman Study of "Key Moments"

Areas of Study

1. **Roman Culture** - This study looks at topics such as literature, art, religion and the daily lives of the ancient Romans with the intent of showing "what the Romans taught us": the value of using ancient Roman history to guide our modern world.
2. **The Early Republic** - This study examines the period of Roman history *before* the reign of Caesar Augustus with the intent of showing "what the Romans taught us": the value of using ancient Roman history to guide our modern world.
3. **The Age of Empire** - This area of study examines the period of Roman history *after* the reign of Julius Caesar with the intent of showing "what the Romans taught us": the value of using ancient Roman history to guide our modern world.
4. **The Rise of Christianity** - This area of study examines the origins and effect of the rise of Christianity during the Rome Era with the intent of showing "what the Romans taught us": the value of using ancient Roman history to guide our modern world.
5. **The Fall of the Roman Empire** - This study examines the various causes that lead to the collapse of the Roman Empire with the intent of showing "what the Romans taught us": the value of using ancient Roman history to guide our modern world.

Method of Study

1. Gathering Information: Using a variety of texts & sources; students will collect information about five "**Key Moments**" within their area of study. Key Moments can be events, ideas, people or characteristics that *you* believe are most important to the study of ancient Rome.
2. Describe & Explain: Students need to create a written description of the "**Key Moments**" within their area of study. The information will be used to create a hand-out & PowerPoint presentation. Included in this is *your* evaluation of this event's importance & what it taught us.
3. Implications: Identify one "**Key Moment**" that is (or has been) relevant to our world today. If the study of history helps us avoid the mistakes of the past, what modern event did this help us with?
4. Presentation: Students will create & deliver a PowerPoint presentation based on this material to be given to the class. It must contain the **5 Key Moments** from their area of study and their evaluation of them.

- A hand-out needs to be created which defines the areas of study, highlights their Key Moments and explains “what the Romans taught us.”

	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Satisfactory	Exceptional
Historical Analysis	You do not describe the area of study. Key Moments are not explained nor is the analysis of their importance. <i>1 pt.</i>	You vaguely described the area of study or not at all. Key Moments are not well explained and the analysis of their importance is weak or missing. <i>5 pts.</i>	You described the area of study and it's Key Moments adequately, but without detail. <i>10 pts</i>	You precisely described the area of study. Key Moments are well explained as is the analysis of their importance. <i>10 pts. +5</i>
Hand-out	Description, Key Moments and “what the Romans taught us” maybe missing important, multiple parts. <i>1 pt.</i>	Description, Key Moments and “what the Romans taught us” maybe missing important parts. <i>8 pts.</i>	Description, Key Moments and “what the Romans taught us” maybe missing a small piece. <i>15 pts.</i>	Product describes the area of study, lists the Key Moments and explains “what the Romans taught us”. <i>15 pts. +5</i>
PowerPoint	The words on the slides are hard to read. Over/under use of pictures. Missing slides/info. <i>1 pt.</i>	A few typos, poorly designed slides, but mostly well put together (no missing information) <i>8 pts.</i>	Fairly well put together with a rare typo or questionably designed slide. <i>15 pts.</i>	Excellently crafted PowerPoint without typos. Easy to read and pleasing to look at. <i>15 pts. + 5</i>
Presentation	Presentation completely lacks teamwork and planning. It is apparent that the group did not plan or prepare for this. <i>1 pt.</i>	Presentation shows a need for better teamwork and planning. It is apparent that the group planned very little or not at all for this. <i>8 pts.</i>	Presentation displays some teamwork and planning. It is clear that the group did some preparing for this. <i>15 pts.</i>	Presentation is a model of teamwork and planning. It is apparent that the group planned & prepared for this. <i>15 pts. + 5</i>

Due on Presentation Day:

- PowerPoint (to be put on Mr. Champagne’s jump-drive)
- Hand-out (two copies: for class & Mr. Champagne)

Assessment:

- Asked to evaluate how history is *done*.