

Reading & Discussion Questions – Primary Sources (Livy, “The Twelve Tables”); Bauer, pp. 469-480, 555-561

Directions: Please answer the following questions in a typed document following MLA formatting. On time submission = printed document submitted in class on the due date AND submission to Turnitin.com by class time.

From Bauer:

1. Where did the Celts come from? How are they connected to the Hittites and the Mycenaeans?
2. What was the Etruscan League? Who participated in it?
3. How did the expectation that all classes of citizens would take up arms in defense of Rome limit the power of the Roman king?
4. Why did Carthage ally itself with Etruria in the battle at Alalia? What were the results of this treaty?
5. How did the Roman monarchy end after the reign of Servius Tullius?
6. Who was Tarquin the Younger? What did he do?
7. According to Polybius, what were the customs of the Celts in war?
8. Why did the Celts repeatedly attempt to invade Italy?
9. How did the office of dictator arise in Rome? Under what conditions was it assumed?
10. Who were the patricians? Who were the plebians? How did the plebians make their grievances known to the patricians?

From Livy’s “Cincinnatus Saves Rome”

11. What values did Livy emphasize in his account of Cincinnatus?
12. How important were those values to Rome’s success?
13. Why was the story of Cincinnatus so important to many generations of Romans?

From “The Twelve Tables”

14. What do the selections from the Twelve Tables reveal about Roman society and its conception of justice?
15. How does this law code compare with earlier compilations of statutes and royal legal decrees marking the central evolution of law within western civilization?