HIS100  
Group Discussion #1  
Empires

Written Assignment

This assignment is due Wednesday, February 8, in class.

1) What does it say that women are not mentioned in any of the texts?

2) How does biography of Cicero help us understand the administration of the Roman Empire? What does Cicero’s letter tell you about Roman administration?

3) Hansen talks about the individual’s role in Chinese government. Veyne talks about the presence of corruption in Roman government. Are these the best ways to characterize those governmental systems?

Expectations: I assume that you will write several complete paragraphs for each question in correctly spelled, grammatically complete, English sentences. I am looking for you to analyze the readings we discussed. I took the questions directly and indirectly from the sections in the book labeled “Thinking Historically.” For every reading the editor introduces the reading and asks some questions for you to contemplate. It is likely that in the future this is where most of the questions will come from. (Hint, hint!!)

You will turn in your answers in class on Wednesday (typed out, no handwritten ones accepted). This part of the assignment is worth 70 points.