

Response Paper 7: The Formidable Opponent Returns

NB: This assignment is now due 11/17/15 at 11:01 AM.

RP 7 Questions:

Please answer ALL of the following questions to the best of your ability in a succinct essay. You should make ample use of the assigned readings in your response. See the General Instructions below for the standard guidelines for response papers.

- Part a.** How does Sallust characterize Jugurtha? What distinguishes Jugurtha from his Roman counterparts? Who is to blame for the war? Do the behaviors on each side remain consistent or change over the course of the war?
- Part b.** Given Sallust's digressions and comments on the state of Rome (and how it changed from the time of the Jugurthine War to his own present), what are the ultimate effects that the Roman state feels due to its engagement in this war? What (or who) is the cause of these changes? What lessons can we take from Sallust's account for our own day?

General Instructions:

For all the response papers you write this semester, follow these instructions:

- Formatting expectations: 1" margins on all sides, text double-spaced and 12 pt Times or Times New Roman font.
- Length: 1-2 pages; however, I will grade your papers based on their quality, not on the quantity of your words. The "1-2 pages" guideline is meant to give you an idea of the reasonable amount of space that I think should allow you to address these questions.
- You should be succinct, but be sure to answer the questions. You do NOT need to summarize the texts we are reading (remember that I am the audience for these papers), so focus your attention on the questions.
- You absolutely *need* to make use of the texts to answer these questions effectively. Argue a point from the texts; refer to events, characters, words, etc., but do NOT just quote extended passages. I want to see *your* words, not our translators' words. I do not care about citation techniques, especially since you will not be quoting the texts extensively.
- Unless noted, the response papers are DUE on THURSDAY of the week assigned at the BEGINNING OF CLASS. They are considered late if I receive them after 11:01 AM.