

Response Paper 8: Personal Invective

RP 8 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 do the authors of the *invectivae* (Ps-Sallust and Ps-Cicero) characterize their target figures? What is the focus of their attacks (i.e., personal qualities, actions, political behavior, social behavior, morality, etc.)? What rhetorical strategies do they use to craft their attacks?
- Part b.** What language or methods of characterization do these *invectivae* use that parallel the texts that we have examined discussing foreign enemies? Is there anything distinct about these modes of personal attack or could we substitute in a foreign enemy and have the texts work as intended?

REMINDER: This RP is due on Saturday Nov, 28th by 11:59 PM via email submission.
The penalty for late work is 25% off per 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.