

## Final Term Paper

As a capstone to the class, you will write a final term paper addressing a topic of your choice that has some relevance to the questions, ideas, and texts we have been examining all semester. You are free to choose any relevant topic from the ancient world, but if you have questions about the applicability or relevancy of your intended topic, please check with me in advance. You should identify a question that you would like to address, then find out the apposite ancient sources that you should consult to answer that question. You will be assessed on your ability to make a clear and concise argument based on phenomena that you encounter in those primary texts.

### Abstract General Instructions:

- Follow the usual formatting guidelines (see below).
- The abstract should be **1-2 paragraphs** explaining the scope of your project, the question you intend to address with your research, the primary sources you intend to consult to help you answer this question, and then the argument that you expect to make based on your preliminary work so far.
- Include a list of relevant secondary scholarship that you have uncovered so far in a bibliography on the bottom of the document. Formatting/citation method for the bibliography (MLA, APA, Chicago, etc.) does *not* matter, so long as you are consistent and provide all the relevant data.
- If you wish to append additional questions that you have had so far in the process, please add them after the bibliography and I can address these separately from my evaluation of the abstract.
- **The ABSTRACT is DUE: Friday, NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM** (either electronically through email or in my department mailbox in WAG 123).

### Final Term Paper General Instructions:

For all the 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. Long quotes (more than two lines) should be single-spaced and indented.
- Length: 8-12 pages; however, I will grade your papers based on their quality, not on the quantity of your words. The "8-12 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 advance your argument clearly.
- You absolutely *need* to make use of the texts to make your argument effectively. Quote passages from the texts as needed to support your points, but keep the focus on your analysis of the texts and the points you are drawing from them. I want to see *your* words, more than anything else. I see no reason to *quote* from modern scholarship. If you refer to secondary scholarship in your argument, just cite it in a footnote.
- When quoting from original texts, please cite according to the original text, not page number of the translation. (e.g., "Livy *AUC* 21.8" = Livy *AUC* Book 21, Ch. 8; not "Yardley, p. 35"; or "Homer *Iliad* 6.120" = Homer *Iliad* Book 6, line 120; not "Rieu, p. 126").
- **Term Paper DUE: Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.** (At the start of our final exam period).