Project 1: Source Analysis & Ancient Rome
Due: September 10

Rationale: The goal of this assignment is to familiarize you with how to read and interpret primary source documents vis-à-vis broader questions.

Assignment: Your task for the first project is to use a primary source to answer a historical question. To successfully answer the prompt, you will need to cover the foundational elements of primary source reading: who the author was (and when), what the text is, and why they’re writing. An excellent response will address how the author’s historical context shaped his perspectives to answer the prompt and further, how the text and author’s views are relevant to the study of the prompt’s theme now. This should be much more thorough than a primary source exercise, and you will need to do basic research on the author and text to complete it successfully. Use the sources on our library website.

Prompt: How does the Roman view of Nature shape Roman politics and society?

Nuts & Bolts:
- Typed
- 250-350 words
- Double-spaced
- 1-inch margins
- Times New Roman, 12-point font
- Edited, formal English (no grammatical or stylistic errors)
- A minimum of one peer-reviewed secondary citation (refer to class website at library to choose)
- You may (but are not required) to use sources and information from class and lecture
- Citation style: Chicago (see handout)
- Basic header (exemplum above)
- Submitted to Canvas as a .doc or .docx