

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
Department of History

History 801/Classics 801 (Seminar in Ancient History)  
History 572 (Undergraduate Studies in European History)  
Autumn semester, 1989

Mr. Clover

TOPIC: THE WAR WITH HANNIBAL

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The seminar will meet on Tuesdays, from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m., in the Greek and Latin Reading Room (424 Memorial Library). Graduate students will register for the seminar as History 801 or Classics 801. Undergraduates will register for the seminar as History 572.

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT

All participants will write a final paper on a subject of their own choosing--preferably as close to the seminar topic as possible. Decide by the fourth week of the semester whether you will write your paper on your assigned report topic, or on another topic. Paper topics will be discussed in individual consultations with the instructor early in the semester. All undergraduates will write their final papers in two drafts. The first draft (suggested maximum length: 10 pages) will be due on Tuesday's meeting in the ninth week of the term; the revised second draft (suggested maximum length: 10 to 20 pages) will be due at the scheduled final examination time for this section of History 572. Graduate students may submit their final papers in two drafts, following the schedule outlined above; or they may submit their final papers in a single draft (suggested maximum length: 10 to 20 pages) at semester's end, by the scheduled time of the final examination for this section of History 572.

CLASSICISTS' READING GROUP

Classics students who take the seminar may participate in a reading group which will meet one extra hour (to be set in accordance with the participants' schedules) each week. The text: Livy Ab urbe condita xxi-xxx. Extra credit (in the form of History or Classics 699 or 999, directed study for undergraduates and graduates respectively) is available for this additional effort.

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BASIC READINGS

- \$\*% Polybius, THE RISE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE. Penguin Classics.
- \$\*% M. Cary and H.H. Scullard, HISTORY OF ROME DOWN TO THE REIGN OF CONSTANTINE. 3rd ed. New York: St. Martin's Press.
- \$\*% F.W. Walbank, THE HELLENISTIC WORLD. Harvard University Press Paperback.
- \$\*% Livy, THE WAR WITH HANNIBAL. Penguin Classics (paperback).
- % Appian, ROMAN HISTORY. 4 volumes. Loeb Classical Library. Harvard University Press.
- @% S. Moscati, THE PHOEN<sup>N</sup>ICIANS. New York: Abbeville Press, 1988.
- & Livy (Livyus), Ab urbe condita, vol. 3 (Books xxi-xxv) and vol. 4 (Books xxvi-xxx).

\* required purchase, available in the bookstores  
% on three-day reserve in H.C. White no. 1191  
& optional purchase, available at the bookstores  
\$ available non-circulating in the History Library,  
4257 Humanities  
@ available in the Kohler Art Library, Elvehjem Museum of Art

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