



The Historians

Exam B

ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. According to Livy, what is the root cause of Rome's moral decline? (12 pts.)

2. What does Livy believe is the purpose of history? (8 pts.)

3. In what ways was George Washington an American Cincinnatus? (12 pts.)

4. Why did Caesar deal so leniently with the Helvetii, providing food and sending them back to their homelands? (10 pts.)

5. Why couldn't historians who lived during or immediately after the reigns of Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius, and Nero write objectively about those emperors? Why does Tacitus believe that he can? (10 pts.)

6. During which emperor's reign were most of the New Testament books written? (8 pts.)

7. What biblical story is reflected in the account of Messalina coveting parks? (8 pts.)

8. How do astrology and magic differ in their views of man's relation to nature? (10 pts.)

9. What is the general principle about human nature Tacitus wants us to see in the summary of Tiberius's life? (10 pts.)



10. What early experience inspired Demosthenes to pursue oratory, and how did he refine his early roughness of speech? (12 pts.)

EXTRA CREDIT

11. How did the sacred geese of Juno save Rome? (5 pts.)

12. What can we conclude about Tacitus as a historian based on his account about the phoenix? (5 pts.)
