READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Roman Republic

Central Historical Question: How democratic was the Roman Republic?

California State Standard

6.7.2: 2. Describe the government of the Roman Republic and its significance (e.g., written constitution and tripartite government, checks and balances, civic duty). Discuss the influence of Julius Caesar and Augustus in Rome's transition from republic to empire.

Common Core State Standard(s):

Reading

- 1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- 2. Determine the central ideas of information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- **6.** Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.
- **7.** Integrate visual information with other information in print and digital texts.
- **8.** Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.
- 9. Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
- 10. By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing

- 1. Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- a) Introduce claims about a topic or issue, acknowledge and distinguish the claims from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.
- **b)** Support claims with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data and evidence that demonstrate and understanding of the topic or text, using credible sources.
- **c)** Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claims, counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- d) Establish and maintain a formal style.
- e) Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.
- **4.** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose and audience.
- **7.** Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.
- **8.** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources (primary and secondary), using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
- 9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection and research.

 10. Write routinely over extended time frames and short time frames for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.