**Roman Diary Project**

During the later years of the Roman Republic, before it became an empire, some of the most exciting events of Roman history took place. You are going to take on the role of a person who lived through approximately 70 years of the first century BCE and you are going to write a diary that covers that time period. You may choose what social group you belong to (slave, freedmen, citizen, patrician, plebian, soldier, senator). You must keep that perspective in mind as you write your observations of what life is like in the Republic of Rome. You may be a man or woman, but your diary will start in 73 BCE and continue until 1 CE. Since you must be old enough to write, you will probably have to have your date of birth be sometime between 80-83 BCE.

**Format & Content:** Your diary will consist of a **minimum of 40 entries**. Each entry must be approximately 6-8 sentences (the paragraph above is 6 sentences long). In these entries you **must include** the following:

* Information about your social class and how people of that particular class lived
* What your daily life is like
* What the city of Rome is like
* How the government of Rome is structured

Describe the following events and provide your opinion on the importance/significance of these events on you and your particular social class:

* The Third Servile War (slave war) led by Spartacus (73-71 BCE)
* The birth of Octavian (Augustus Caesar) (63 BCE)
* Pompeii captures Jerusalem (63 BCE)
* The first Triumvirate of Julius Caesar, Pompey and Crassus (60 BCE)
* Writings of Titus Livius (59 BCE-17 CE)
* The conquest of Egypt by Julius Caesar
* Caesar crosses the Rubicon (49 BCE)
* The relationships of Caesar, Mark Antony and Cleopatra
* The murder of Julius Caesar (44 BCE)
* The Second Triumvirate of Antony, Lepidus and Octavian
* Battle of Actium (31 BCE)
* Suicide of Antony and Cleopatra (30 BCE)
* End of the Roman Republic/beginning of Roman Empire (27BCE)
* Writing of the Aneid by Virgil (19 BCE)
* Birth of Jesus of Nazareth (1 CE)

In addition to the people included in the events above, you must include specific references to a **minimum of** **TEN** of the following people, places or things: Catiline, Cato the Younger, Cicero, Herod, Horace, Lucretius, Crassus, Brutus, Agrippa, Ovid, and Virgil, the Coliseum, gladiators, the aqueducts, roads, legions, centurions, the Forum, the Senate, and the Pantheon

Each entry must be dated with a month, day and year and must be in chronological order. You should be creative and add as much detail as possible including the type of foods you eat, holidays you celebrate, family members, relatives, games you play, how you entertain…all things that would be the subject of a person’s life.

You will be writing this diary in class and will put a copy of your work into your dropbox folder at the end of each class period. Each document must be saved separately with the date that it was created or modified.