

HISTORY



Roundtable est. 2017

{(usually) meets the 4th Thursday of every other month at 6:30pm at the Greenwood Public Library}

September's Topic: Ancient & Imperial Rome

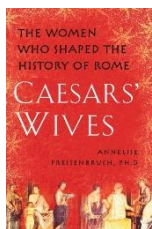
Meeting Date: Thursday, September 26th at 6:30pm

Register at www.greenwoodlibrary.us or by calling 317-885-5036.

More info and handout at www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable.

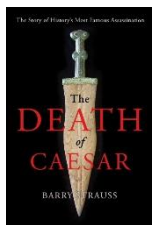
Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to the history of Rome. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

Books:



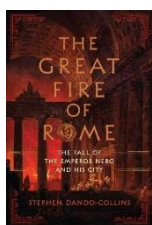
[Caesar's Wives: Sex, Power, and Politics in the Roman Empire](#) by Annelise Freisenbruch – 937.06 FRE

Documents the stories of eight wives of Roman rulers, assessing their historical contributions and cultural influence, and drawing parallels between modern first ladies and the lives of such ancient-world figures as Livia, Helena, and Julia.



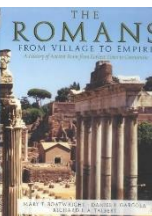
[The Death of Caesar](#) by Barry Strauss – 937.05 STR; eAudio on [hoopla](#)*

A professor of both history and classics describes the actual events of March 15, 33 BC, when Julius Caesar was murdered during the Roman civil wars, in comparison to those outlined by William Shakespeare in his famous play.



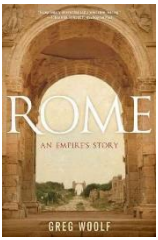
[The Great Fire of Rome: The Fall of the Emperor Nero and His City](#) by Stephen Dando-Collins – 937.07 DAN

On the night of July 19, AD 64, a fire began beneath the stands of Rome's great stadium, the Circus Maximus. For more than a week the fire spread, engulfing most of the city and nearly burning it to the ground. With its capital in ruins, Rome's powerful empire teetered on the edge of collapse as Nero struggled desperately to save his empire--and his skin.



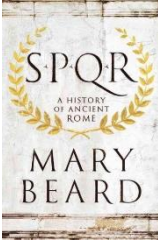
[The Romans: From Village to Empire](#) by Mary T. Boatwright – 937 BOA

A sweeping history of ancient Roman history ranges from the prehistoric settlements to the age of Constantine to chronicle the evolution of Rome from a single village community in the Italian peninsula to one of the most powerful empires in the history of the world, documenting such key events, people, and landmarks as the Punic Wars, Caesar's conquest of Gaul, and Constantine's adoption of Christianity.



Rome: An Empire's Story by Greg Woolf – 937.06 WOO; eAudio on [hoopla*](#)

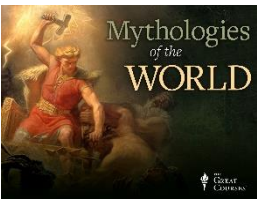
Describes how the Roman Empire was created, how it was sustained during crises, and how it shaped the world.



SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome by Mary Beard – 937 BEA

A prominent classicist explores ancient Rome and how its citizens adapted the notion of imperial rule, invented the concepts of citizenship and nation, and made laws about those traditionally overlooked in history, including women, slaves, and criminals.

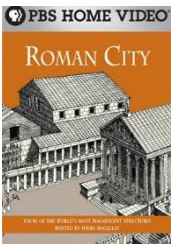
Videos:



Romulus, Remus, and Rome's Origins by The Great Courses (Episode 7 of *Great Mythologies of the World*) – <https://www.kanopy.com/product/romulus-remus-and-rome-s-origins> (available on [Kanopy*](#))

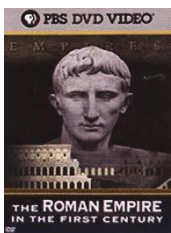
Not all Roman mythology is indebted to Greece. Focus on several uniquely Roman myths about the empire's founding, including the lives of the brothers Romulus and Remus and the abduction of the Sabine women. What's the difference between creation and origin

stories? What are some traditional mythic elements we find in ancient Rome?



Roman City by PBS Home Video - <https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/11811830> (available on [hoopla*](#) or [Kanopy*](#))

The glories of Ancient Rome are explored in *ROMAN CITY*, based on David Macaulay's acclaimed book. This animated and live-action video recounts life in Verbonia, a fictional city in Gaul. A well-planned town with all modern conveniences, it is threatened by conflict between conquerors and conquered. Macaulay also visits Pompeii, Herculaneum, Ostia, Nimes, Orange, and Rome, to view actual Roman architecture and engineering greatness.



The Roman Empire in the First Century by PBS – DVD 937 ROM

Tells the story of the emperors, slaves, poets, and peasants who wrested order from chaos, built the most cosmopolitan society the world had ever seen, and shaped the Roman Empire in the First Century.

Podcasts:



Caligula Disentangled by Stuff You Missed in History Class – <https://tinyurl.com/yxnt2kqj>

According to most popular accounts, Caligula was an insane, cruel and bizarre emperor. But how reliable are those stories? Join Katie and Sarah as they take a look at Caligula's life -- and try to separate the facts from the rumors -- in this podcast.