Roman History 31 BC – AD 117 (https://ancientromanhistory31-14.com/) is a free open-access website designed to support students and teachers of Roman history. The site covers key issues in the reigns of emperors in an approachable style, offering integrated links to primary literature, maps, art and coin images.

Students will find short discussions of issues and events with opportunities to build their own learning pathways through the historical periods. Short critical essays raise points of difficult and encourage students to engage with historical problems, develop historical knowledge and improve their skills as independent learners. It provides teachers with a learning resource and valuable reinforcement for in-class provision.

Rather than offer an encyclopaedia, the site combines text-book levels of information, narrative, and structured guidance, access to an unparalleled range of primary material, and an introduction to critical methodologies and approaches necessary for modern Humanities education. The web-format provision enables the integration of text, images, ancient sources and critical questioning. Students can journey through the material, either finding their own links or under the guidance of teachers.

Although designed as a general Roman imperial history resource, the site supports the A level syllabus in OCR Classical Civilization: The Imperial Image; Love and Relationships; [the Roman imperial elements]; OCR Ancient History: Roman History, 31 BC – AD 68. It would also support individual studies (EPQs) in providing both focused support and access to sources.

The current site covers the period from the battle of Actium to the death of Nero. It stands at about 170 pages and about 170,000 words. The site in under continuous development. Currently chronologically arranged, thematic sections are coming online and more resources are being developed.

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