

### 1: Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician - Anthony Everitt - Google Books

*From Everitt's book, it seems Cicero was, at times, courageous in his rhetoric and at times, he was cowardly. He always tried to see all the angles and jockeyed for a position that put him in the best place politically while betraying as few of his political convictions as possible.*

Both Plato and Aristotle had thought in terms of the city-state. Although city-states remained the Early life and career Cicero was the son of a wealthy family of Arpinium. Admirably educated in Rome and in Greece, he did military service in 89 under Pompeius Strabo the father of the statesman and general Pompey and made his first appearance in the courts defending Publius Quinctius in His brilliant defense, in 80 or early 79, of Sextus Roscius against a fabricated charge of parricide established his reputation at the bar, and he started his public career as quaestor an office of financial administration in western Sicily in As praetor, a judicial officer of great power at this time, in 66 he made his first important political speech, when, against Quintus Lutatius Catulus and leading Optimates the conservative element in the Roman Senate, he spoke in favour of conferring on Pompey command of the campaign against Mithradates VI, king of Pontus in northeastern Anatolia. His relationship with Pompey, whose hatred of Marcus Licinius Crassus he shared, was to be the focal point of his career in politics. His election as consul for 63 was achieved through Optimates who feared the revolutionary ideas of his rival, Catiline. In the first of his consular speeches, he opposed the agrarian bill of Servilius Rullus, in the interest of the absent Pompey; but his chief concern was to discover and make public the seditious intentions of Catiline, who, defeated in 64, appeared again at the consular elections in 63 over which Cicero presided, wearing armour beneath his toga. Catiline lost and planned to carry out armed uprisings in Italy and arson in Rome. On November 8, after escaping an attempt on his life, Cicero delivered the first speech against Catiline in the Senate, and Catiline left Rome that night. On the following day Clodius carried a bill forbidding the execution of a Roman citizen without trial. Clodius then carried through a second law, of doubtful legality, declaring Cicero an exile. Cicero went first to Thessalonica, in Macedonia, and then to Illyricum. In 57, thanks to the activity of Pompey and particularly the tribune Titus Annius Milo, he was recalled on August 4. Cicero landed at Brundisium Brindisi on that day and was acclaimed all along his route to Rome, where he arrived a month later. In winter 57-56 Cicero attempted unsuccessfully to estrange Pompey from Caesar. The speech *De provinciis consularibus* On the Consular Provinces marked his new alliance. He was obliged to accept a number of distasteful defenses, and he abandoned public life. In 52 he was delighted when Milo killed Clodius but failed disastrously in his defense of Milo later written for publication, the *Pro Milone*, or *For Milo*. In 51 he was persuaded to leave Rome to govern the province of Cilicia, in southern Anatolia, for a year. The province had been expecting a Parthian invasion, but it never materialized, although Cicero did suppress some brigands on Mt. The Senate granted a *supplicatio* a period of public thanksgiving, although Cicero had hoped for a triumph, a processional return through the city, on his return to Rome. All admitted that he governed Cilicia with integrity. By the time Cicero returned to Rome, Pompey and Caesar were struggling for complete power. Cicero met Pompey outside Rome on January 17 and accepted a commission to supervise recruiting in Campania. He did not leave Italy with Pompey on March 17, however. In an interview with Caesar on March 28, Cicero showed great courage in stating his own terms his intention of proposing in the Senate that Caesar should not pursue the war against Pompey any further though they were terms that Caesar could not possibly accept. Last months Cicero was not involved in the conspiracy to kill Caesar on March 15, 44, and was not present in the Senate when he was murdered. On March 17 he spoke in the Senate in favour of a general amnesty, but then he returned to his philosophical writing and contemplated visiting his son, who was studying in Athens. He was captured and killed near Caieta on December 7. In politics Cicero constantly denigrated his opponents and exaggerated the virtues of his friends. The close political association with Pompey for which he longed was never achieved. He was more ready than some men to compromise ideals in order to preserve the republic, but, though he came to admit in the *De republica* that republican government required the presence of a powerful individual an idealized Pompey perhaps to ensure its stability, he showed little appreciation of the intrinsic weaknesses of

Roman republican administration. The number obviously constitutes only a small portion of the letters that Cicero wrote and received. There are four collections of the letters: The letters constitute a primary historical source such as exists for no other part of the ancient world. On the other hand, his reporting of events, naturally enough, is not objective, and he was capable of misremembering or misrepresenting past events so as to enhance his own credit. Cicero is a minor but by no means negligible figure in the history of Latin poetry. His best-known poems which survive only in fragments were the epics *De consulatu suo* On His Consulship and *De temporibus suis* On His Life and Times , which were criticized in antiquity for their self-praise. Oratory Cicero made his reputation as an orator in politics and in the law courts, where he preferred appearing for the defense and generally spoke last because of his emotive powers. Unfortunately, not all his cases were as morally sound as the attack on the governor of Sicily, Gaius Verres , which was perhaps his most famous case. Cicero refused to attach himself to any school. He was trained by Molon of Rhodes, whose own tendencies were eclectic , and he believed that an orator should command and blend a variety of styles. He made a close study of the rhythms that were likely to appeal to an audience, especially in the closing cadences of a sentence or phrase. Of the speeches, 58 have survived, some in an incomplete form; it is estimated that about 48 have been lost. Cicero in *Brutus* implicitly gives his own description of his equipment as an oratorâ€”a thorough knowledge of literature , a grounding in philosophy , legal expertise, a storehouse of history, the capacity to tie up an opponent and reduce the jury to laughter, the ability to lay down general principles applicable to the particular case, entertaining digressions , the power of rousing the emotions of anger or pity, the faculty of directing his intellect to the point immediately essential. This is not an unjust picture. It is the *humanitas* of the speeches that turns them from an ephemeral tour de force into a lasting possession. His humour is at its best in his bantering of the Stoics in *Pro Murena* in order to discredit Cato, who was among the prosecutors, and at its most biting when he is attacking Clodia in *Pro Caelio*. His capacity for arousing anger may be seen in the opening sentences of the first speech against Catiline and, for arousing pity, in the last page of *Pro Milone*. Cicero called himself an Academic, but this applied chiefly to his theory of knowledge , in which he preferred to be guided by probability rather than to allege certainty; in this way, he justified contradictions in his own works see also epistemology: In ethics he was more inclined to dogmatism and was attracted by the Stoics , but for his authority he looked behind the Stoics to Socrates. In religion he was an agnostic most of his life, but he had religious experiences of some profundity during an early visit to Eleusis and at the death of his daughter in Cicero did not write seriously on philosophy before about 54, a period of uneasy political truce, when he seems to have begun *De republica*, following it with *De legibus* begun in These writings were an attempt to interpret Roman history in terms of Greek political theory. The bulk of his philosophical writings belong to the period between February 45 and November His output and range of subjects were astonishing: Except in the last book of *De officiis*, Cicero lays no claim to originality in these works. He derived his material from Stoic, Academic, Epicurean, and Peripatetic sources. The form he used was the dialogue , but his models were Aristotle and the scholar Heracleides Ponticus rather than Plato. In the course of this role, he gave Rome and, therefore, Europe its philosophical vocabulary.

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Texts about Cicero 1. At the time, high political offices in Rome, though technically achieved by winning elections, were almost exclusively controlled by a group of wealthy aristocratic families that had held them for many generations. But Cicero had a great deal of political ambition; at a very young age he chose as his motto the same one Achilles was said to have had: Lacking the advantages of a proper ancestry, there were essentially only two career options open to him. One was a military career, since military success was thought to result from exceptional personal qualities and could lead to popularity and therefore political opportunity as was the case much later for American presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Dwight D. Cicero, however, was no soldier. He hated war, and served in the military only very briefly as a young man. Instead, Cicero chose a career in the law. To prepare for this career, he studied jurisprudence, rhetoric, and philosophy. When he felt he was ready, he began taking part in legal cases. A career in the law could lead to political success for several reasons, all of which are still relevant today. First, a lawyer would gain a great deal of experience in making speeches. Second, he there were no female lawyers in Rome could also gain exposure and popularity from high-profile cases. Cicero proved to be an excellent orator and lawyer, and a shrewd politician. He was elected to each of the principle Roman offices quaestor, aedile, praetor, and consul on his first try and at the earliest age at which he was legally allowed to run for them. Having held office made him a member of the Roman Senate. This body had no formal authority -- it could only offer advice -- but its advice was almost always followed. He was, as can be imagined, very proud of his successes. Though this is not the place for a long discussion of Roman government, it should be noted that the Roman republic was not a democracy. It was really more of an oligarchy than anything else, with a few men wielding almost all economic and political power. During his term as consul the highest Roman office in 63 B. Cicero was proud of this too, claiming that he had singlehandedly saved the commonwealth; many of his contemporaries and many later commentators have suggested that he exaggerated the magnitude of his success. But there can be little doubt that Cicero enjoyed widespread popularity at this time - though his policy regarding the Catilinarian conspirators had also made him enemies, and the executions without trial gave them an opening. The next few years were very turbulent, and in 60 B. Julius Caesar, Pompey, and Crassus often referred to today as the First Triumvirate combined their resources and took control of Roman politics. Recognizing his popularity and talents, they made several attempts to get Cicero to join them, but Cicero hesitated and eventually refused, preferring to remain loyal to the Senate and the idea of the Republic. This left him open to attacks by his enemies, and in January of 58 B. This proposal led to rioting and physical attacks on Cicero, who fled the city. Cicero was forbidden to live within miles of Italy, and all his property was confiscated. This exile, during which Cicero could not take part in politics, provided the time for his first period of sustained philosophical study as an adult. After roughly a year and a half of exile, the political conditions changed, his property was restored to him, and he was allowed to return to Rome, which he did to great popular approval, claiming that the Republic was restored with him. This was also treated by many as an absurd exaggeration. Cicero owed a debt to the triumvirate for ending his exile and for not killing him , and for the next eight years he repaid that debt as a lawyer. Because he still could not engage in politics, he also had time to continue his studies of philosophy, and between 55 and 51 he wrote *On the Orator* , *On the Republic* , and *On the Laws*. The triumvirate, inherently unstable, collapsed with the death of Crassus and in 49 B. He felt that at this point the question was not whether Rome would be a republic or an empire but whether Pompey or Caesar would be Emperor, and he believed that it would make little difference, for it would be a disaster in either case. Caesar and his forces won in 48 B. He gave Cicero a pardon and allowed him to return to Rome in July of 47 B. Most of the rest of his life was devoted to studying and writing about philosophy, and he produced the rest of his philosophical writings during this time. Caesar was murdered by a group of senators on the Ides of March in 44 B. Cicero was a witness to the murder, though he was not a part of the conspiracy. The murder led to another power struggle in which Mark Antony of "Antony and Cleopatra" fame , Marcus Lepidus, and

Octavian later called Augustus were the key players. It also gave Cicero, who still hoped that the Republic could be restored, the opportunity for what is considered his finest hour as a politician. With Caesar dead, the Senate once again mattered, and it was to the Senate that Cicero made the series of speeches known as the Philippics named after the speeches the Greek orator Demosthenes made to rouse the Athenians to fight Philip of Macedon. These speeches called for the Senate to aid Octavian in overcoming Antony. Cicero believed that Octavian, still a teenager, would prove to be a useful tool who could be discarded by the Senate once his purpose was served. However, Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian were able to come to terms and agreed to share power. Each of them had enemies that he wanted eliminated, and as part of the power-sharing deal each got to eliminate those enemies. Antony put not only Cicero but also his son, his brother, and his nephew on the list of those to be killed. The Philippics are not very nice to him at all, especially the Second Philippic. Though Octavian owed his success in part to Cicero, he chose not to extend his protection to Cicero and his family. Cicero, his brother, and his nephew tried somewhat belatedly to flee Italy. His brother and nephew turned aside to collect more money for the trip, and were killed. He looked steadfastly at his murderers. He was all covered in dust; his hair was long and disordered, and his face was pinched and wasted with his anxieties - so that most of those who stood by covered their faces while Herennius was killing him. His throat was cut as he stretched his neck out from the litter. He became consul in 30 B. It is unfortunate that we have no record of this speech. Probably the most notable example of his influence is St. The politicians of his time, he believed, were corrupt and no longer possessed the virtuous character that had been the main attribute of Romans in the earlier days of Roman history. He hoped that the leaders of Rome, especially in the Senate, would listen to his pleas to renew the Republic. This could only happen if the Roman elite chose to improve their characters and place commitments to individual virtue and social stability ahead of their desires for fame, wealth, and power. Having done this, the elite would enact legislation that would force others to adhere to similar standards, and the Republic would flourish once again. Whether this belief shows an admirable commitment to the principles of virtue and nobility or a blindness to the nature of the exceedingly turbulent and violent politics of his time, or perhaps both, is impossible to say with certainty. Cicero, therefore, tried to use philosophy to bring about his political goals. But for Cicero to really use philosophy effectively, he needed to make it accessible to a Roman audience. He did this in part by translating Greek works into Latin, including inventing Latin words where none seemed suitable for Greek concepts including the Latin words which give us the English words morals, property, individual, science, image, and appetite, and in part by drawing on and idealizing Roman history to provide examples of appropriate conduct and to illustrate the arguments of philosophy. He also summarized in Latin many of the beliefs of the primary Greek philosophical schools of the time and he is the source of much of our knowledge about these schools. Cicero was well acquainted with all these schools, and had teachers in each of them at different times of his life. But he professed allegiance throughout his life to the Academy. Cicero studied briefly in both the Old Academy and the New Academy; the differences between the two need not concern us. What they shared was their basic commitment to skepticism: The Academic Skeptics offered little in the way of positive argument themselves; they mostly criticized the arguments of others. This can be annoying, but it requires real mental abilities, including the ability to see all sides of an issue and to understand and accept that any belief, no matter how cherished, is only provisional and subject to change later if a better argument presents itself. It is the approach which underlies the modern scientific method, though the Academics did not use it in that way. Even something like evolution, for which there is mountains of evidence and seemingly no reasonable alternative, is treated as a theory subject to change if needed rather than an eternal truth. And it is this approach which Cicero embraced. This is not surprising if we consider again why he was interested in philosophy in the first place. He would have to marshal all the available evidence in a methodical way, so as to make the strongest possible case, and he would have to accept that he might at any time have to deal with new evidence or new issues, forcing him to totally reconsider his strategies. As a politician, he would need a similar grasp of the issues and a similar degree of flexibility in order to speak and to act effectively. A lawyer or politician who fanatically sticks to a particular point of view and cannot change is not likely to be successful. Adopting the teachings of the Academy also allowed Cicero to pick and choose whatever he wanted from the other philosophical schools, and he claims to do this at various points in his

writings. Finally, his allegiance to the Academy helps to explain his use of the dialogue form: However, Cicero did not consistently write as a member of the Academy. It may not be a problem if trained, knowledgeable philosophers are skeptical about things like whether the gods exist or whether the laws are just. Thus, while Cicero is willing to accept Academic Skepticism in some areas, he is not willing to do so when it comes to ethics and politics. For doctrines in these areas, he turns to the Stoics and Peripatetics. Cicero and Stoicism and Peripateticism Cicero believed that these two schools taught essentially the same things, and that the difference between them was whether virtue was the only thing human beings should pursue or whether it was merely the best thing to be pursued. According to the first view, things like money and health have no value; according to the second, they have value but nowhere near enough to justify turning away from virtue to attain them. This was a difference with little practical consequence, so far as Cicero was concerned, and there is no need to take it up here. Since, according to the teachings of the Academy, Cicero was free to accept any argument that he found convincing, he could readily make use of Stoic teachings, and he did so particularly when discussing politics and ethics. In the *Laws*, for example, he explicitly says that he is setting aside his skepticism, for it is dangerous if people do not believe unhesitatingly in the sanctity of the laws and of justice. Thus he will rely on Stoicism instead. He puts forth Stoic doctrines not dogmatically, as absolutely and always true, but as the best set of beliefs so far developed. We ought to adhere to them because our lives, both individually and collectively, will be better if we do. It is essentially Stoic ethical teachings that Cicero urges the Roman elite to adopt. Stoicism as Cicero understood it held that the gods existed and loved human beings. The gods had also provided human beings with the gift of reason. Since humans have this in common with the gods, but animals share our love of pleasure, the Stoics argued, as Socrates had, that the best, most virtuous, and most divine life was one lived according to reason, not according to the search for pleasure. This did not mean that humans had to shun pleasure, only that it must be enjoyed in the right way.

## 3: Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician Summary & Study Guide

*Cicero: The Life and Times of Rome's Greatest Politician* by Anthony Everitt is a well-crafted, highly readable biography of Marcus Tullius Cicero, who was a lawyer, orator, prolific and popular writer, and statesman of Ancient Rome. Everitt takes his information from some letters Cicero penned (most of which were to his friend Atticus).

He belonged to the tribus Cornelia. However, being a semi-invalid, he could not enter public life and studied extensively to compensate. The famous family names of Fabius, Lentulus, and Piso come from the Latin names of beans, lentils, and peas, respectively. Plutarch writes that Cicero was urged to change this deprecatory name when he entered politics, but refused, saying that he would make Cicero more glorious than Scaurus "Swollen-ankled" and Catulus "Puppy". Cicero was therefore educated in the teachings of the ancient Greek philosophers, poets and historians; as he obtained much of his understanding of the theory and practice of rhetoric from the Greek poet Archias [17] and from the Greek rhetorician Apollonius. It was precisely his broad education that tied him to the traditional Roman elite. In 90–88 BC, he served both Pompeius Strabo and Lucius Cornelius Sulla as they campaigned in the Social War, though he had no taste for military life, being an intellectual first and foremost. Cicero started his career as a lawyer around 83–81 BC. His first major case, of which a written record is still extant, was his 80 BC defense of Sextus Roscius on the charge of patricide. At this time it would have been easy for Sulla to have the unknown Cicero murdered. The first part detailed exactly the charge brought by Ericius. The second part concerned the boldness and greed of two of the accusers, Magnus and Capito. Cicero told the jury that they were the more likely perpetrators of murder because the two were greedy, both for conspiring together against a fellow kinsman and, in particular, Magnus, for his boldness and for being unashamed to appear in court to support the false charges. The third part explained that Chrysogonus had immense political power, and the accusation was successfully made due to that power. Even though Chrysogonus may not have been what Cicero said he was, through rhetoric Cicero successfully made him appear to be a foreign freed man who prospered by devious means in the aftermath of the civil war. Cicero surmised that it showed what kind of a person he was and that something like murder was not beneath him. This was perhaps to avoid the potential wrath of Sulla, [30] though Cicero himself says it was to hone his skills and improve his physical fitness. Cicero then journeyed to Rhodes to meet his former teacher, Apollonius Molon, who had previously taught him in Rome. Molon helped Cicero hone the excesses in his style, as well as train his body and lungs for the demands of public speaking. According to the upper class mores of the day it was a marriage of convenience, but lasted harmoniously for nearly 30 years. She had a half-sister named Fabia, who as a child had become a Vestal Virgin, a very great honour. He complained to his friends that Terentia had betrayed him but did not specify in which sense. The divorce appears to have taken place in 51 BC or shortly before. It is thought that Cicero needed her money, particularly after having to repay the dowry of Terentia, who came from a wealthy family. Although his marriage to Terentia was one of convenience, it is commonly known that Cicero held great love for his daughter Tullia. He became an augur, and was nominated consul in 30 BC together with Augustus. As such, he was responsible for revoking the honors of Mark Antony, who was responsible for the proscription, and could in this way take revenge. Later he was appointed proconsul of Syria and the province of Asia. Political career of Cicero Early political career[ edit ] His first office was as one of the twenty annual quaestors, a training post for serious public administration in a diversity of areas, but with a traditional emphasis on administration and rigorous accounting of public monies under the guidance of a senior magistrate or provincial commander. Cicero served as quaestor in western Sicily in 75 BC and demonstrated honesty and integrity in his dealings with the inhabitants. As a result, the grateful Sicilians asked Cicero to prosecute Gaius Verres, a governor of Sicily, who had badly plundered the province. His prosecution of Gaius Verres was a great forensic success [46] for Cicero. After a lengthy period in Sicily collecting testimonials and evidence and persuading witnesses to come forward, Cicero returned to Rome and won the case in a series of dramatic court battles. His unique style of oratory set him apart from the flamboyant Hortensius. On the conclusion of this case, Cicero came to be considered the greatest orator in Rome. The view that Cicero may have taken the case for reasons of his own is

viable. Hortensius was, at this point, known as the best lawyer in Rome; to beat him would guarantee much success and the prestige that Cicero needed to start his career. One such example is found in the speech *Against Verres I*, where he states "with you on this bench, gentlemen, with Marcus Acilius Glabrio as your president, I do not understand what Verres can hope to achieve". Cicero was neither a patrician nor a plebeian noble; his rise to political office despite his relatively humble origins has traditionally been attributed to his brilliance as an orator. Cicero was both an Italian eques and a *novus homo*, but more importantly he was a Roman constitutionalist. His social class and loyalty to the Republic ensured that he would "command the support and confidence of the people as well as the Italian middle classes". The *optimates* faction never truly accepted Cicero; and this undermined his efforts to reform the Republic while preserving the constitution. Nevertheless, he successfully ascended the *cursus honorum*, holding each magistracy at or near the youngest possible age: He was then elected consul at age 43. His co-consul for the year, Gaius Antonius Hybrida, played a minor role. During his year in office, he thwarted a conspiracy centered on assassinating him and overthrowing the Roman Republic with the help of foreign armed forces, led by Lucius Sergius Catilina. Cicero demanded that Catiline and his followers leave the city. At the conclusion of his first speech, Catiline hurriedly left the Senate, which was being held in the Temple of Jupiter Stator. In his following speeches, Cicero did not directly address Catiline. He delivered the second and third orations before the people, and the last one again before the Senate. By these speeches, Cicero wanted to prepare the Senate for the worst possible case; he also delivered more evidence against Catiline. Catiline had attempted to involve the *Allobroges*, a tribe of Transalpine Gaul, in their plot, but Cicero, working with the Gauls, was able to seize letters that incriminated the five conspirators and forced them to confess in front of the Senate. At first Decimus Silanus spoke for the "extreme penalty"; many were swayed by Julius Caesar, who decried the precedent it would set and argued in favor of life imprisonment in various Italian towns. Cato the Younger rose in defence of the death penalty and the entire Senate finally agreed on the matter. Cicero had the conspirators taken to the *Tullianum*, the notorious Roman prison, where they were strangled. Cicero himself accompanied the former consul Publius Cornelius Lentulus Sura, one of the conspirators, to the *Tullianum*. Cicero received the honorific "*Pater Patriae*" for his efforts to suppress the conspiracy, but lived thereafter in fear of trial or exile for having put Roman citizens to death without trial. After the conspirators were put to death, Cicero was proud of his accomplishment. Some of his political enemies argued that though the act gained Cicero popularity, he exaggerated the extent of his success. He overestimated his popularity again several years later after being exiled from Italy and then allowed back from exile. At this time, he claimed that the Republic would be restored along with him. It cost an exorbitant sum, 3. Cicero, having executed members of the *Catiline Conspiracy* four years previously without formal trial, and having had a public falling out with Clodius, was clearly the intended target of the law. Cicero argued that the *senatus consultum ultimum* indemnified him from punishment, and he attempted to gain the support of the senators and consuls, especially of Pompey. When help was not forthcoming, he went into exile. He wrote to Atticus: "But what is there to live for? My afflictions surpass any you ever heard of earlier". Clodius cast the single vote against the decree. After this, a cowed Cicero concentrated on his literary works. It is uncertain whether he was directly involved in politics for the following few years. Cicero restored calm by his mild system of government. He discovered that much of public property had been embezzled by corrupt previous governors and their staffs, and did his utmost to restore it. Thus he greatly improved the condition of the cities. Besides his activity in ameliorating the hard pecuniary situation of the province, Cicero was also creditably active in the military sphere. Cicero next defeated some robbers who were based on Mount Amanus and was hailed by his soldiers as *imperator* on the field of battle. Afterwards he led his army against the independent *Cilician* mountain tribes, besieging their fortress of *Pindenissum*. It took him 47 days to reduce the place, which fell in December. He then spent some time in Athens, where he caught up with an old friend from his previous stay there and met men of great learning. Cicero favoured Pompey, seeing him as a defender of the senate and Republican tradition, but at that time avoided openly alienating Caesar. Eventually, he provoked the hostility of his fellow senator Cato, who told him that he would have been of more use to the cause of the *optimates* if he had stayed in Rome. Caesar pardoned him and Cicero tried to adjust to the situation and maintain his political work, hoping that Caesar

might revive the Republic and its institutions. In a letter to Varro on c. Cicero, however, was taken completely by surprise when the Liberatores assassinated Caesar on the ides of March , 44 BC. Cicero was not included in the conspiracy, even though the conspirators were sure of his sympathy. After he returned to Italy, Cicero began to play him against Antony. He praised Octavian, declaring he would not make the same mistakes as his father. Antony was later declared an enemy of the state when he refused to lift the siege of Mutina , which was in the hands of Decimus Brutus. Antony and Octavian reconciled and allied with Lepidus to form the Second Triumvirate after the successive battles of Forum Gallorum and Mutina. The Triumvirate began proscribing their enemies and potential rivals immediately after legislating the alliance into official existence for a term of five years with consular imperium. Cicero and all of his contacts and supporters were numbered among the enemies of the state, even though Octavian argued for two days against Cicero being added to the list. He was viewed with sympathy by a large segment of the public and many people refused to report that they had seen him. According to Plutarch , Herennius first slew him, then cut off his head. Cicero was the only victim of the proscriptions who was displayed in that manner. Octavian is reported to have praised Cicero as a patriot and a scholar of meaning in later times, within the circle of his family. His indecision may be attributed to his sensitive and impressionable personality; he was prone to overreaction in the face of political and private change. Asinius Pollio , a contemporary Roman statesman and historian.

## 4: The Life of Marcus Tullius Cicero

*The story of Cicero's life is the story of end of Republican Rome. All of the major players of the era: Caesar, Marc Antony, Cleopatra, Brutus and Octavian (soon to be Augustus) all make an appearance in his life.*

Once you download the file, it is yours to keep and print for your classroom. They include detailed descriptions of when to assign reading, homework, in-class work, fun activities, quizzes, tests and more. Use the entire Cicero: Calendars cover one, two, four, and eight week units. Determine how long your Cicero: Chapter Abstracts Chapter abstracts are short descriptions of events that occur in each chapter of Cicero: They highlight major plot events and detail the important relationships and characteristics of important characters. The Chapter Abstracts can be used to review what the students have read, or to prepare the students for what they will read. Hand the abstracts out in class as a study guide, or use them as a "key" for a class discussion. They are relatively brief, but can serve to be an excellent refresher of Cicero: Character and Object Descriptions Character and Object Descriptions provide descriptions of the significant characters as well as objects and places in Cicero: These can be printed out and used as an individual study guide for students, a "key" for leading a class discussion, a summary review prior to exams, or a refresher for an educator. The character and object descriptions are also used in some of the quizzes and tests in this lesson plan. The longest descriptions run about words. They become shorter as the importance of the character or object declines. Daily Lessons This section of the lesson plan contains 30 Daily Lessons. Daily Lessons each have a specific objective and offer at least three often more ways to teach that objective. Lessons include classroom discussions, group and partner activities, in-class handouts, individual writing assignments, at least one homework assignment, class participation exercises and other ways to teach students about Cicero: You can combine daily lessons or use the ideas within them to create your own unique curriculum. They vary greatly from day to day and offer an array of creative ideas that provide many options for an educator. The 20 enjoyable, interactive classroom activities that are included will help students understand Cicero: Fun Classroom Activities include group projects, games, critical thinking activities, brainstorming sessions, writing poems, drawing or sketching, and countless other creative exercises. Many of the activities encourage students to interact with each other, be creative and think "outside of the box," and ultimately grasp key concepts from the text by "doing" rather than simply studying. Fun activities are a great way to keep students interested and engaged while still providing a deeper understanding of Cicero: Students should have a full understanding of the unit material in order to answer these questions. They often include multiple parts of the work and ask for a thorough analysis of the overall text. They nearly always require a substantial response. Essay responses are typically expected to be one or more page s and consist of multiple paragraphs, although it is possible to write answers more briefly. But, they also cover many of the other issues specific to the work and to the world today. They ask students to demonstrate a deeper understanding of Cicero: The short essay questions evaluate not only whether students have read the material, but also how well they understand and can apply it. They require more thought than multiple choice questions, but are shorter than the essay questions. Use these questions for quizzes, homework assignments or tests. The questions are broken out into sections, so they focus on specific chapters within Cicero: This allows you to test and review the book as you proceed through the unit. Typically, there are questions per chapter, act or section. Pass the forms out before you assign reading, so students will know what to expect. You can use the forms to provide general feedback on audibility, pronunciation, articulation, expression and rate of speech. You can use this form to grade students, or simply comment on their progress. This will help you establish uniform criteria for grading essays even though students may be writing about different aspects of the material. By following this form you will be able to evaluate the thesis, organization, supporting arguments, paragraph transitions, grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. They pull questions from the multiple choice and short essay sections, the character and object descriptions, and the chapter abstracts to create worksheets that can be used for pop quizzes, in-class assignments and homework. Periodic homework assignments and quizzes are a great way to encourage students to stay on top of their assigned reading. They can also help you determine which concepts and ideas

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your class grasps and which they need more guidance on. By pulling from the different sections of the lesson plan, quizzes and homework assignments offer a comprehensive review of Cicero: This lesson plan provides both full unit tests and mid-unit tests. You can choose from several tests that include differing combinations of multiple choice questions, short answer questions, short essay questions, full essay questions, character and object matching, etc. Some of the tests are designed to be more difficult than others. Some have essay questions, while others are limited to short-response questions, like multiple choice, matching and short answer questions. Scroll through the sections of the lesson plan that most interest you and cut and paste the exact questions you want to use into your new, personalized Cicero:

### 5: Cicero Analysis - [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*The life and times of Cicero. [Kathleen Tracy] -- Profiles the life and rule of this important Roman leader and orator who worked his way up the Roman political hierarchy until he fulfilled his dream of joining the all-powerful Roman Senate.*

### 6: Misce-Looney-ous: The Life and Times of Cicero Pig

*Cicero was shocked and had underestimated him (lauded, applauded and discarded) -Oct rescinded amnesty for the assassins -He and Ant were in communication and they and Lepidus met at end of October and called themselves commissioners for the restoration of the Republic.*

### 7: Writings of Cicero - Wikipedia

*CICERO. The Life and Times. of Rome's Greatest Politician. By Anthony Everitt. Illustrated. pp. New York: Random House. \$ No single-volume biography of Marcus Tullius Cicero can take in.*

### 8: Cicero Life and Career Revision by P O'Hare on Prezi

*The Life and Times of Cicero Pig Cicero Pig, Porky's mischievous nephew, had a rather prolific career for a character who was pretty much used everywhere except in the actual cartoons. The roots of the character can be traced back to two cartoons directed by Bob Clampett: "Porky's Naughty Nephew" () and "Porky's Picnic" () where the.*

### 9: Cicero | Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

*The Life and Times of Cicero Revision 1. Cicero's Background and Family 2. Cicero's Early Career 1 3. Cicero's Early Career 2 4. Cicero's Mid Career 1 5.*

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