

**HST 210: Ancient History**  
**Discussion Section Policies, Fall 2015**

**Instructor Information:**

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**Discussion Section Goals and Expectations:**

The discussion section is your chance to discuss course themes and make connections among readings by engaging with your peers. The process of studying history and reflecting on primary and secondary sources will help you become a more thoughtful reader and a more insightful, analytical writer. These skills will transfer well to other courses and can be applied in your future career. I expect you to take this opportunity to grow as a scholar by actively participating in the discussions. When you do, the sections will be more rewarding and fun for everyone involved.

**Attendance**

You are expected to attend all discussion sections and to arrive on time. If you are unable to attend a section, you should email me at least one hour before the section begins.

**Participation**

Come to class prepared. You should bring your textbook and a print or electronic copy of both the week's primary sources and a your 750-word paper (on weeks where a paper is due). I expect each student to be an active member of the classroom. This means working with your peers on in-class assignments and offering thoughtful responses when called on. My goal is to create a classroom environment where each student's point of view is respected. Do not be afraid of being wrong. As long as you can explain your thought process, there is no such thing as a bad answer.

**Technology in the Classroom**

The use of laptop computers and tablets is permitted. You may not use your phone in class for any reason. Our discussion sections are only 55 minutes long. They require your full engagement. Using technology for a purpose unrelated to the discussion is rude and disruptive.

**Academic Integrity**

It is your responsibility to understand what constitutes plagiarism and to turn in original work. Please familiarize yourself with Syracuse University's academic integrity policy ([http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/acad\\_integrity.htm](http://supolicies.syr.edu/ethics/acad_integrity.htm)). Come see me if you have any questions.