



Example Questions

1. “Without anger or partisanship”: To what extent does Tacitus adhere to his own mantra about the writing of history in his account of Tiberius and Sejanus?
2. “So that crooked words and deeds should be attended by the dread of posterity and infamy”: to what extent does Tacitus make Sejanus the ultimate villain?
3. Whom do you believe Tacitus is more keen to criticise in *Annals* IV and V, Tiberius or Sejanus?
4. “If there is one thing Tacitus hates more than anything else, it is hypocrisy”: to what extent do you agree with this statement based on your study of *Annals* IV and V?
5. “An environment of fear and mistrust”: how far do you agree that this is an accurate summation of the vision of Rome provided by Tacitus?
6. “Hardly a reliable account of the period”: To what extent do you believe Tacitus to be a reliable historian?