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In his works, Livy often expressed his deep affection and pride for Patavium, and the city was well known for its conservative values in morality and politics. The wealthy citizens of Patavium refused to contribute money and arms to Asinius Pollio, and went into hiding. Pollio then attempted to bribe the slaves of those wealthy citizens to expose the whereabouts of their masters; his bribery did not work, and the citizens instead pledged their allegiance to the Senate. It is therefore likely[citation needed] that the Roman civil wars prevented Livy from pursuing a higher education in Rome or going on a tour of Greece , which was common for adolescent males of the nobility at the time. During his time in Rome, he was never a senator nor held a government position. His writings contain elementary mistakes on military matters, indicating that he probably never served in the Roman army. However, he was educated in philosophy and rhetoric. It seems that Livy had the financial resources and means to live an independent life, though the origin of that wealth is unknown. He devoted a large part of his life to his writings, which he was able to do because of his financial freedom. He was familiar with the emperor Augustus and the imperial family. Suetonius described how Livy encouraged the future emperor Claudius , who was born in 10 BC, to explore the writing of history during his childhood. In it he narrates a complete history of the city of Rome, from its foundation to the death of Augustus. When he began this work he was already past his youth; presumably, events in his life prior to that time had led to his intense activity as a historian. Seneca the Younger gives brief mention that he was also known as an orator and philosopher and had written some treatises in those fields from a historical point of view. Julius Obsequens used Livy, or a source with access to Livy, to compose his *De Prodigis*, an account of supernatural events in Rome from the consulship of Scipio and Laelius to that of Paulus Fabius and Quintus Aelius. Patavium had been pro-Pompey. To clarify his status, the victor of the civil war, Octavian Caesar , had wanted to take the title Romulus the first king of Rome but in the end accepted the senate proposal of Augustus. Rather than abolishing the republic, he adapted it and its institutions to imperial rule. Describing the trial of Cremutius Cordus , Tacitus represents him as defending himself face-to-face with the frowning Tiberius as follows: Titus Livius, pre-eminently famous for eloquence and truthfulness, extolled Cneius Pompeius in such a panegyric that Augustus called him Pompeianus, and yet this was no obstacle to their friendship. It must have been during this period, if not before, that manuscripts began to be lost without replacement. The poet Beccadelli sold a country home for funding to purchase one manuscript copied by Poggio. Laurentius Valla published an amended text initiating the field of Livy scholarship. Respect for Livy rose to lofty heights. Walter Scott reports in *Waverley* as an historical fact that a Scotchman involved in the first Jacobite uprising of was recaptured and executed because, having escaped, he yet lingered near the place of his captivity in "the hope of recovering his favorite Titus Livius. For example, one text on western civilization pronounces: Public readings of works, however, were common and the usual method in which an author became known. Dates[edit] Livy was likely born between 64 and 59 B. He started his work sometime between 31 B. The authority supplying information from which possible vital data on Livy can be deduced is Eusebius of Caesarea , a bishop of the early Christian Church. One of his works was a summary of world history in ancient Greek , termed the *Chronikon* , dating from the early 4th century AD. This work was lost except for fragments mainly excerpts , but not before it had been translated in whole and in part by various authors such as St. The entire work survives in two separate manuscripts, Armenian and Greek Christesen and Martirosova-Torlone Jerome wrote in Latin. Fragments in Syriac exist. Jerome translated the tables into Latin as the *Chronicon* , probably adding some information of his own from unknown sources. The main problem with the information given in the manuscripts is that, between them, they often give different dates for the same events or different events, do not include the same material entirely, and reformat what they do include. A date may be in *Ab Urbe*

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Conditio or in Olympiads or in some other form, such as age. These variations may have occurred through scribal error or scribal license. Some material has been inserted under the aegis of Eusebius. The topic of manuscript variants is a large and specialized one, on which authors of works on Livy seldom care to linger. As a result, standard information in a standard rendition is used, which gives the impression of a standard set of dates for Livy. There are no such dates. By a complex formula made so by the 0 reference point not falling on the border of an Olympiad, these codes correspond to 59 BC for the birth, 17 AD for the death. In another manuscript the birth is in The History of Early Rome.

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Attilius Serranus, and L. Scribonius Libo, Aediles of the chaire, were the first that exhibited the Stage-plaies called Megalesia. And this as all novelties and new fashions ministred much talke: For these five hundred and eightie yeeres say they, these plaies and games have been beheld and looked upon pell mell, without any such precise difference. What new accident is suddainely befallen, why the Nobles should not be willing to let the Commons be intermingled with them in the Theatre? This is a new appetite and straunge longing of theirs indeed, full of pride and arrogancie, a thing never desired nor taken up and practised by the Senate of any nation whatsoever. For half a millenium, Roman drama had been a civic event, in every sense of the word. As a way of marking festival occasions, competitions and plays brought together in one place all strata of Roman society. Livius of Padua London, , p. It was this public character of ancient drama that Pomponius Laetus and his collaborators wanted to reinstate in modern times. Restored to the stage, comedy and tragedy may have kept the occasional character they had in ancient timesâ€”in Renaissance Europe, as in fifthcentury Athens and republican Rome, the productions were customarily a way of celebrating a coronation, a marriage, a military victory, or a season of the yearâ€”but they addressed a vastly smaller, infinitely more selective audience. All over Renaissance Europe, productions of classical plays were almost always private affairs, for two very good reasons: Academicians and their students provided the former; princes provided the latter. From the very first performance of a classical script in modern times, we are faced, then, with a polarity between public audience and private audience, between the social inclusiveness of comedy and tragedy in ancient times and the social exclusiveness of their revival in modern times. This polarity poses some large and difficult questions. First there is a theoretical issue. If, as Cicero and Horace imply, drama is a rhetorical event, an exchange between speakers and listeners, who constitutes the audience? If comedy and tragedy represent certain ways of structuring experience, just whose experience is being structured? You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Almost everything we know about the author of the voluminous History of Rome from its foundation is derived from a handful of anecdotes recorded by later authors, who may have found them in a now lost book by the Roman biographer Suetonius called *Historians and philosophers*. There is no evidence to contradict this piece of information. It makes Livy a near contemporary of the Roman politician Octavian, who was born in 63, became sole ruler of the Roman empire in 31, accepted the surname Augustus in 27, and died in 14 CE. That Livy was born in Patavium modern Padua is clear from his own work. We know nothing about his parents. Several inscriptions from Padua mention members of the Livius family, but none of them can convincingly be connected to the historian. However, we can be confident that he belonged to the provincial elite and that his family, although not very rich, had enough money to send him to competent teachers. The History of Rome from its Foundation offers no indication that he ever traveled to Greece. Padua belonged to a province of the Roman empire that was known as Gallia Cisalpina. However, he never got used to military matters. His writings betray that he knew next to nothing about warfare. This, and his lack of political experience, would normally have disqualified Livy as a historian, but as we will see, he was able to write a very acceptable history. When he was about ten years old, civil war broke out between Caesar and Pompey the Great. It was decided in 48 during the battle of Pharsalus. Later, Livy recalled a miraculous incident. His own description is not known, but a century later, the Greek author Plutarch of Chaeronea retold the story: At Patavium, there was a well-known prophet called Gaius Cornelius, who was a fellow-citizen and acquaintance of Livy the historian. On the day of the battle this man happened to be sitting at his prophetic work and first, according to Livy, he realized that the battle was taking place at that very moment and said to those who were present that now was the time when matters were being decided and now the troops were going into action; then he had a second look and, when he had examined the signs, he jumped up in a kind of ecstasy and cried out: Livy, certainly, is most emphatic that this really happened. The Roman philosopher Seneca tells that when Livy was a young man, he wrote philosophical essays. However this may be, anecdotes like these give us the impression that the future historian was a serious young man, and this is also the impression one gets from his writings. He lacks irony and humor. On the other hand, he shows a great understanding of human psychology and has great sympathy with suffering people. We may find his gravity and earnestness a bit hard to stomach, but Livy had a heart. After the violent death of Julius Caesar, a new round of civil war followed. Academic studies were resumed. The poet Virgil wrote his optimistic *Georgics* and Greek authors like Dionysius of Halicarnassus and Strabo of Amasia came to the capital. Livy seems to have shared in this mood, and published the first five books of his History of Rome from its foundation between 27 and 26. By now, he was in his early thirties. Quintilian states that the historian had a son, for whom he wrote a treatise on style, and a daughter, who was married to a teacher of oratory named Lucius Magius. Pliny the Elder quotes a geographical work written by a son of Livy. The History of Rome from its foundation was meant as an example to the Romans. They had suffered, but that had been due to their own, immoral behavior. However, a moral revival was still possible, and Livy offered some uplifting and cautionary tales. It was a serious and important project, and Augustus was interested in it. If this was a reproach at all, it was not serious. Livy remained close enough to the imperial court to encourage the young prince Claudius to write history. The future emperor became a productive author: We do not know its publishing history, but the following is a plausible reconstruction:

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Foundation[edit] The most well-known originator of Roman historiography was Quintus Fabius Pictor , also known as the "Founder of Historiography". Before the second Punic war , there was no historiography in Rome, but after, it was needed to commemorate this important occasion. Fabius Pictor took up the task and wrote a history of Rome in Greek, not Latin. This choice of writing about the war in Greek arose from a need to address the Greeks and counter another author, Timaeus , who also wrote a history of Rome until the Second Punic War. Timaeus wrote with a negative view of Rome. Therefore, in defense of the Roman state, Q. Fabius Pictor wrote in Greek, using Olympiad dating and a Hellenistic style. Fabius Pictor is known for the establishment of the "ab urbe condita" tradition of historiography which is writing history "from the founding of the city". Fabius Pictor wrote, many other authors followed his lead, inspired by the new literary form: Cato the Elder is credited as the first historian to write in Latin. His work, the *Origines*, was written to teach Romans what it means to be Roman. Fabius Pictor, Cato the Elder wrote *ab urbe condita*, and the early history is filled with legends illustrating Roman virtues. The *Origines* also spoke of how not only Rome, but the other Italian towns were venerable, and that the Romans were indeed superior to the Greeks. The Romans enjoyed serious endeavors and so the writing of historiography became very popular for upper class citizens who wanted to spend their time on worthwhile, virtuous, "Roman" activities. As leisure time was looked down upon by the Romans, writing history became an acceptable way to spend retirement. Almost as soon as historiography started being used by the Romans, it split into two traditions: The annalistic tradition[edit] The authors who used the Annalistic tradition wrote histories year-by-year, from the beginning, which was most frequently from the founding of the city, usually up until the time that they were living in. Lucius Calpurnius Piso Frugi c. His history chronicled Rome from the foundation until BC, when he believed that the society had hit its lowest point. Publius Mucius Scaevola c. Quintus Claudius Quadrigarius wrote that all Roman wars are just, and that the Senate and all Roman dealings were honorable, in annalistic form. The monographic tradition[edit] Monographs are more similar to the history books that we are used to today; they are usually on a single topic, but most importantly, they do not tell history from the beginning, and they are not even necessarily annalistic. An important sub category that emerged from the monographic tradition was the biography. Gaius Gracchus wrote a biography of his brother, Tiberius Gracchus. Gaius Fannius also wrote a biography of Tiberius Gracchus, but showed him in a negative light. Sallust wrote two monographs: Factionalized history[edit] Often, especially in times of political unrest or social turmoil, historians re-wrote history to suit their particular views of the age. So, there were many different historians each rewriting history a little bit to bolster their case. This was especially evident in the 70s BC when the social wars were going on between the populists led by Marius , and the senatorials led by Sulla. Several authors wrote histories during this time, each taking a side. Gaius Licinius Macer was anti-Sullan and wrote his history, based on Gnaeus Gellius in 16 books, from the founding of the city until the 3rd century BC, whereas Valerius Antias who was pro-Sulla, wrote a history in 75 books, from the founding of the city until 91 BC. Overview[edit] The historiography we most readily identify with the Romans, coming from sources such as Caesar , Sallust , Livy , Tacitus , and other minor authors, owes much to its early roots and Greek predecessors. However, contrary to the Greek form, the Roman form included various attitudes and concerns that were considered strictly Roman. Characteristics[edit] Annals are a year-by-year arrangement of historical writing. In Roman historiography, annals generally begin at the founding of Rome. The Annal seems originally to have been used by the priesthood to keep track of omens and portents. The *Annales Maximi* were a running set of annals kept by the Pontifex Maximus. The *Annales Maximi* contained such information as names of the magistrates of each year,

public events, and omens such as eclipses and monstrous births. The *Annales Maximi* covers the period from the early Roman Republic to around the time of the Gracchi. Gracchan Annalist seems to refer to the writers of history in annalistic form who began writing after the time of the Gracchi. Compared to other forms of annalistic history, these seem more fictionalized as Roman historians used their histories to illustrate points about their own time, and were not necessarily out to produce hard fact. Sallust and Tacitus are fair examples of Gracchan Annalists. A monograph is a comprehensive work on a single subject. The monograph could be written about a single event, a technique, rhetoric, or one of any number of other subjects. For example, Pliny the Elder once published a monograph on the use of the throwing-spear by cavalry. Monographs were among the most common historical works found in Roman writings. *Ab urbe condita*, literally "From the founding of the city", describes the Roman tradition of beginning histories at the founding of the city of Rome. For examples, see Tacitus, Livy, Sallust, et al. Thus, the *ab urbe condita* form is extremely variable while continuing to mold Roman histories. A general pattern of Senatorial histories is that they seem to invariably contain a reason that the author is writing histories instead of remaining involved in politics. Sullan annalists politicized their past. They were partisans of the Sullan faction who carried on the Marius and Sulla conflict through their histories, often rewriting them to fit their own agenda. Some Sullan annalists may have been sources for Livy. He seems to have been trying to counter the Marian historian, C. In his history, anyone named Cornelius is considered a hero and anyone named Claudius is an enemy and the opposition to the *populares* never went by a consistent name but were instead called "boni", "optime" or "optimates", implying that they were the good guys. Roman historiography is also very well known for subversive writing styles. The information in the ancient Roman histories is often communicated by suggestion, innuendo, implication and insinuation because their attitudes would not always be well received. Tacitus opposed the emperors and believed that they were one of the reasons for the decline of Rome. Tacitus even wrote disparagingly of Augustus the most celebrated and beloved of the emperors. Of course these opinions had to be veiled since they would not have gone over very well. In Roman historiography *commentarii* is simply a raw account of events often not intended for publication. It was not considered traditional "history" because it lacked the necessary speeches and literary flourishes. *Commentarii* was usually turned into "history" later on. They believe that it is actually "history" since it is so well written, pro-Roman and fits the traditional patterns of historiography. Ancient Roman historians did not write for the sake of writing, they wrote in an effort to convince their audiences. Propaganda is ever present and is the function of Roman historiography. Ancient Roman historians traditionally had personal and political baggage and were not disinterested observers. Their accounts were written with the specific moral and political agendas. Fabius Pictor started the tradition of historiography that was concerned with both morality and history and affirmed the prestige of Roman state and its people. Ancient Roman historians wrote pragmatic histories in order to benefit future statesmen. The philosophy of pragmatic history treats historical happenings with special reference to causes, conditions and results. In Roman Historiography the facts and an impression of what the facts mean are presented. Interpretation is always a part of historiography; Romans never made any pretense about it. Conflict between the facts and the interpretation of those facts indicate a good historian. Polybius, who wrote in Greek, was the first pragmatic historian. His histories have an aristocratic ethos and reveal his opinions on honor, wealth and war. Tacitus was also a pragmatic. His histories have literary merit and interpretations of facts and events. He was not purely objective, rather his judgments served a moral function. As a young man, he was given the position of the *Flamen Dialis* by his father-in-law, Cornelius Cinna. When that position was taken away by Sulla, Caesar spent a decade in Asia, earning a great reputation in the military. Upon his return to Rome, he was both elected *tribunus militum* and given the title of *pontifex*. During his time in these positions, Caesar befriended Pompey and Crassus, the two men with whom he would later form the First Triumvirate. After his consulship, Caesar gained control of the provinces of Illyricum and Cisalpine and Transalpine Gaul. As the Wars were raging on, Caesar fell victim to a great deal of criticisms from Rome. *De Bello Gallico* is a response to these criticisms, and a way for Caesar to justify these Wars. His argument is that the Wars were

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both just and pious, and that he and his army attacked Gaul in self-defense. The Helvetians were forming a massive migration straight through the provinces. When a group of neighboring allies came to Caesar himself asking for help against these invading Helvetians, that was all the justification Caesar needed to gather his army. By creating an account that portrays himself as a superb military hero, Caesar was able to clear all doubts in Rome about his abilities as a leader. Although Caesar used this account for his own gain, it is not to say that the *De Bello Gallico* is at all unreliable. Many of the victories that Caesar has written about did, in fact, occur. For this reason, *De Bello Gallico* is often looked at as a commentary, rather than a piece of actual historiography. Livy[edit] Titus Livius, commonly known as Livy , was a Roman historian best known for his work entitled *Ab Urbe Condita* , which is a history of Rome "from the founding of the city". Others referred to his writing as having "patavinitas". Little is known about his life, but based on an epitaph found in Padua, he had a wife and two sons. We also know that he was on good terms with Augustus and he also encouraged Claudius to write history. It consisted of books, though only books 10 and 21 survive in whole, although summaries of the other books and a few other fragments exist. The books were referred to as "decades" because Livy organized his material into groups of ten books.

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