

# Unit 01: The Crumbling Republic

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## Standards Alignment

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### New Jersey Student Learning Standards

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WL.7.1.IH.A	Interpretive Mode
WL.7.1.IH.A.4	Analyze historical and political contexts that connect or have connected famous people, places, and events from the target culture(s) with the United States.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L	Linguistic
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1	The Intermediate - High language learner has progressed from understanding and communicating at the sentence level to understanding and communicating at the paragraph level and can use connected sentences and paragraphs independently to:
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.a	Analyze written and oral text.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.b	Synthesize written and oral text.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.c	Identify most supporting details in written and oral text.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.d	Infer meaning of unfamiliar words in new contexts.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.e	Infer and interpret author's intent.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.f	Identify some cultural perspectives.
WL.7.1.IH.A.L.1.g	Identify the organizing principle in written and oral text.
WL.7.1.IH.B	Interpersonal Mode
WL.7.1.IH.B.2	Give, respond to, and ask for clarification on detailed oral and written directions, commands, and requests.
WL.7.1.IH.B.4	Ask and respond to questions as part of a group discussion of topics and situations of a personal, academic, or social nature.
WL.7.1.IH.B.6	Use language in a variety of settings to further personal and/or academic goals.
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WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.b	Identify some cultural perspectives.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.c	Narrate and describe across a wide - range of topics.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.d	Compare and contrast.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.e	Offer and support opinions.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.f	Persuade someone to change a point of view.

WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.g	Make and change plans.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.h	Offer advice.
WL.7.1.IH.B.L.1.i	Handle a situation with a complication.
WL.7.1.IH.C	Presentational Mode
WL.7.1.IH.C.3	Use language creatively in writing for a variety of purposes.
WL.7.1.IH.C.4	Explain the structural elements and/or cultural perspectives found in culturally authentic materials.
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## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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CRP.K-12.CRP1	Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP3	Attend to personal health and financial well-being.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP5	Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP7	Employ valid and reliable research strategies.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.
CRP.K-12.CRP9	Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.
CRP.K-12.CRP10	Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.
CRP.K-12.CRP11	Use technology to enhance productivity.
CRP.K-12.CRP12	Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.

## **Technology / Integration of Computer Science and Design Thinking**

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TECH.8.1.12	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.12.D	Digital Citizenship: Students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior.

TECH.8.1.12.D.1

Demonstrate appropriate application of copyright, fair use and/or Creative Commons to an original work.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections: NJSLS for ELA, Social Studies, Science and/or Math Section**

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### **Capacities of the Literate Individual**

#### **Students Who are College and Career Ready in Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, & Language**

They comprehend as well as critique.

They come to understand other perspectives and cultures.

LA.RL.11-12

Reading Literature

Key Ideas and Details

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R1

Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.

LA.RL.11-12.1

Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

Craft and Structure

LA.RL.11-12.4

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (e.g., Shakespeare as well as other authors.)

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R4

Interpret words and phrases as they are used in a text, including determining technical, connotative, and figurative meanings, and analyze how specific word choices shape meaning or tone.

## **Integration of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Climate Change; Informational and Media Literacy New Section**

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see Crosswalks

## **21st Century Life and Careers**

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## **Stage I: Desired Results**

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## **Transfer/Overview/Rationale**

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#### Unit Rationale

The purpose of this unit...

...learn how governments that appear stable can suddenly start to fall apart through the reading, analyzing, and discussing of ancient Latin texts and contemporary views on the time period.

## **Meaning**

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## **Essential Questions**

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1. Why do governments fall apart?
2. How do authors describe the world in which they live?
3. What causes some individuals to bring about widespread change?

## **Enduring Understanding/Indicators of Understanding**

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1. Many factors contribute to a change in governmental approach in a country/civilization.
2. The personality of an author, as well as the events of an age, impact what an author writes about.

3. The natural born personality, combined with cultural events, can cause people to lead widespread reforms.

## **Acquisition (Student Learning Objectives)**

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### **Knowledge**

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Knowledge

Students will know...

1. ...how and why the Roman Republic began to fall apart
2. ....how and why the Gracchi brothers made such a ripple in the status quo
3. ....the difference between the Optimates and the Populares
4. ....who Livy was and what he wrote about
5. ....how to analyze the writings of Livy

### **Skills**

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Skills

Student will be skilled at ...

1. ...reading the works of Livy
2. ....analyzing the works of Livy for different Latin grammar constructions

3. ....writing history in the style of Livy
4. ....using the vocabulary of Livy in Latin sentences
5. ....comparing Roman history to that of the United States

### **Stage 3: Learning Plan**

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### **Resource and Mentor Texts**

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#### Resources and Mentor Texts

1. Various websites
  - [www.unrv.com](http://www.unrv.com)
  - [www.perseus.tufts.edu/](http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/)
2. Fabulae Romanae
3. Rome: Power and Glory DVD
4. The Romans: From Village to Empire by Mary Boatright

### **Formative Assessment Strategies**

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1. Vocabulary quizzes
2. Homework checks
3. Grammar quizzes
4. Teacher observations

5. Translation checks

## **Learning Activities/Unit of Study**

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- groupwork
- ~ translations
- ~ constructing English sentences
- ~ learning vocabulary
- ~ reading
- ~ note taking

## **Modifications and/or Accommodations**

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### **Suggested Modifications (ELL, Sp. Ed, Gifted, At-risk of Failure)**

#### **English Language Learners**

Native language support: The teacher provides auditory or written content to students in their native language.

Adjusted Speech: The teacher changes speech patterns to increase student comprehension. This could include facing the students, paraphrasing, clearly indicating the most important ideas, and speaking more slowly.

Visuals: The teacher uses graphics, pictures, visuals, and manipulatives. This helps ELL students better understand and comprehend the subjects at hand.

**Front-Loading Vocabulary:** The teacher front loads vocabulary. This means providing students with a list of important vocabulary words they will need to know for a book, lesson, etc. prior to the lesson being taught. Including pictures to go with the vocabulary words is also very beneficial for the students.

## **Special Education Students**

**Chunking:** The teacher presents information in a way that makes it easy for students to understand and remember. Chunking is based on the presumption that our working memory is easily overloaded by excessive detail. The best way to deliver information is to organize it into meaningful units. Because students with special needs get overloaded easily, chunking is an effective strategy to use with them.

**Checking for Understanding:** It is important to constantly check for understanding, especially for students who have accommodations. Teachers want to make sure students understand the concepts being covered in a way that makes sense to them.

**Extra time:** The teacher provides students with special needs extra time to complete work or answer questions. It is important to give students enough time to process their thoughts.

**Oral Reading:** The teacher will read work orally to students. Class work such as tests and literature circles may need to be read aloud to the student.

**Timers:** The teacher will use timers as an instructional tool. The use of timers is beneficial for students who have trouble completing tasks. Timers can be helpful so the student is aware of how much time they have to complete an assignment.

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## **Gifted & Talented Strategies**

**Extensions/Enrichments:** Teachers will provide gifted and talented students with extension/enrichment projects. Students will be challenged to further their understanding, to apply

acquired knowledge, and/or to produce something in reference to acquired knowledge.

**Modify/Change Activities:** Teachers will monitor and modify activities to accommodate those students who need to be challenged further. Additional reading, problem-solving, writing, or project work is necessary for those students who are ready to move on at a rate more accelerated than their peers. In this way, G & T students are provided the same opportunity for support as special needs students.

## Students at Risk of School Failure

**Directions or Instructions:** Make sure directions and/or instructions are given in limited numbers. Give directions/instructions verbally and in simple written format. Ask students to repeat the instructions or directions to ensure understanding occurs. Check back with the student to ensure he/she hasn't forgotten.

**Peer Support:** Peers can help build confidence in other students by assisting in peer learning. Many teachers use the 'ask 3 before me' approach. This is fine, however, a student at risk may have to have a specific student or two to ask. Set this up for the student so he/she knows who to ask for clarification before going to you.

**Alternate or Modified Assignments:** Always ask yourself, "How can I modify this assignment to ensure the students at risk are able to complete it?" Sometimes you'll simplify the task, reduce the length of the assignment or allow for a different mode of delivery. For instance, many students may hand something in, the at-risk student may jot notes and give you the information verbally. Or, it just may be that you will need to assign an alternate assignment.

**Increase One to One Time:** When other students are working, always touch base with your students at risk and find out if they're on track or needing some additional support. A few minutes here and there will go a long way to intervene as the need presents itself.

**Contracts:** It helps to have a working contract between you and your students at risk. This helps prioritize the tasks that need to be done and ensure completion happens. Each day write down what needs to be completed, as the tasks are done, provide a checkmark or happy face. The goal of using contracts is to eventually have the student come to you for completion sign-offs.

**Hands On:** As much as possible, think in concrete terms and provide hands-on tasks. This means a child doing math may require a calculator or counters. The child may need to tape record comprehension activities instead of writing them. A child may have to listen to a story being read instead of reading it him/herself.

**Tests/Assessments:** Tests can be done orally if need be. Break tests down in smaller increments by having a portion of the test in the morning, another portion after lunch and the final part the next day.

**Seating:** Seat students near a helping peer or with quick access to the teacher. Those with hearing or sight issues need to be close to the instruction which often means near the front.

