**How to Study History for Certamen**

**History is one of the main three categories of certamen. It comprises 20 – 25 % of all of the questions. As a category Roman History spans from 753 B.C. to 476 A.D. Thus, students must have knowledge of the Roman Monarchy, Republic, and Empire.**

**1. Places to Start:**

**A. Memorize the emperors from Augustus to Marcus Aurelius and the dates of their reigns.** Knowing the dates of the emperors will allow you to answer many questions, even more difficult ones which you would not otherwise know.

**B. Learn the imperial dynasties**. For instance, you should know the Julio-Claudians are Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, & Nero. You should also know the Four Emperors of 69 A.D., the Flavians, the Five Good Emperors, and the Severans.

**C. Learn the dates of the Punic Wars**.

**D. Learn the members of the 1st and 2nd Triumvirates**

**E. Learn the seven Roman Kings in order**

**F. Learn the dates for the Monarcy, Republic, & Empire**

**2. The Next Step: Regionals Study Guides**

**A. Go to** [**www.fjcl.org/regional-study-guides.html**](http://www.fjcl.org/regional-study-guides.html) **and print copies of the Regionals Study Guides for History of the Monarchy and Republic and History of the Empire.**

**B. Make a flash card for each person, place, name, or date. Instead of this, you may want to keep a notebook and and write your own certamen questions. E.G., Q: Who was the first king of Rome?**

**A: Romulus**

**3. Outline of Classical Origins: Rome**

**A. This is available from the ACL:** [**http://www.aclclassics.org/tmrc/catalog.asp?parent=88&c=&prefix=B&number=305**](http://www.aclclassics.org/tmrc/catalog.asp?parent=88&c=&prefix=B&number=305)

**B. Repeat the same process of writing flash cards or questions. The material in the outline is very in-depth in some places; knowing the material in the outline will go a long way in helping you to answer history questions.**

**4. Reading History Books**

**A. Ancient Rome by Paul Zoch (ISBN: 0-8061-3287-6)**

**B. A History of the Roman People by Ward, Heichelheim, & Yeo (ISBN: 0130384801)**

**C. A History of Rome Down to the Reign of Constantine by M. Cary & H.H. Scullard (ISBN: 0333278305)**