

HIST 301
Units 6–9 Assessment

Answer each of the following questions in a paragraph (200–250 words):

1. After studying the works of ancient historians (e.g., Livy, Polybius, and Plutarch), to what extent was the expansion of the Roman Republic driven by its citizens' desire to defend their city? Or, instead, was it a matter of these citizens' aggressive efforts to acquire new territory?
2. What historical developments in the period from 14 CE to 235 CE exposed the flaws in the *Principate* as a form of government for the Roman Empire?