

# THE ART OF ROMAN WARFARE

## COURSE SYLLABUS

The Lukeion Project  
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It began as a small hill top village in central Italy, but became the most formidable and successful army in the Mediterranean. Rome transformed itself from backwater town to ruler of an empire stretching from the Persian Gulf and the Nile, to the farthest reaches of Spain and the island of Britain. Our workshop will examine the great personalities, advances in techniques and equipment, and turning-point battles that made such a transformation possible.

### Class Format

Our class will meet live, online for one hour each week. Students are expected to be arrive on time and be prepared to participate in polls and discussions. The link to enter the classroom will arrive in your Inbox 24 prior to the first class session. A high-speed internet connection is required.

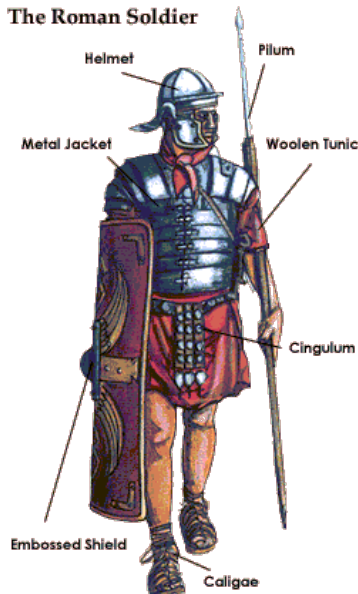
### Our Class Web Page:

- <http://www.quia.com/pages/rbarr/lukeionromwar>
- The Class Web Page will have review activities, games, and links to related web pages

### Contacting your Instructor:

- You may email your instructor at any time at [regan@lukeion.org](mailto:regan@lukeion.org).
- Most contact is via email. The phone number is (919) 342-6840, though we do not answer the phone during classes. Email your instructor immediately if you have problems entering the online classroom. If we get into class and find that people are absent, the first thing we do is check email.

### The Roman Soldier



### Our Schedule:

- Session 1: The Early Italian Army
  - Geography of Italy
  - Warfare in Early Italy
  - The Roman Citizen Militia in the Early Republic
- Session 2: The Late Republic
  - The Pyrrhic and Punic Wars
  - The Battle of Cannae (case study)
  - The Reforms of Marius and their Impact
- Session 3: The Imperial Army
  - Augustus and the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest
  - The Praetorian Guard
  - The Legions and Auxiliaries on the March
- Session 4: Roman Siege Warfare
  - The Development of Roman Siege Warfare
  - The Siege of Alesia
  - The Sieges of Jerusalem and Masada

### Select Bibliography

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