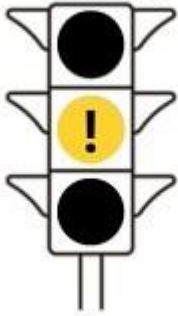


# Sample Assignment: Yellow Stoplight

## Assignment Overview

### Yellow light



I am giving you permission to use the GAI tool, [Copilot](#) on this activity for specific, but not all, tasks in this assignment. Acceptable use is outlined in the "task" section of this assignment. **Follow these instructions to [log into Copilot with your UWGB student account](#).**

At no point are you required to use Copilot, but if you do, you will need to properly disclose your generative AI use for this assignment. For this assignment, you may use only Copilot to brainstorm ideas and to help you get started in your research.

You are not to use Copilot to create and format your creative writing piece, to generate your annotated bibliography, and AI sources should not be used in your bibliography.

AI tools can be used to help support your creative and planning process, but the primary goal is for you to develop and practice your own writing skills, research abilities, and historical analysis. Your unique perspective and creativity are what matters most in this assignment. By engaging deeply with the material yourself, you will gain valuable skills and insights that AI alone cannot provide. I'm excited to see what you all come up with.

## Assignment Description

Over the past month, we have explored the daily life of Roman citizens. Now, you will embody a Roman historical figure by creating a piece of creative writing from their perspective. Choose a figure from the provided list in the unit's Canvas module and craft a diary entry, letter, political speech, poem, or another written work that reflects their life, thoughts, and historical context. Your piece should include accurate historical references and topics discussed and explored in class like Roman dates and calendars, agricultural practices, norms, or public festivities.

Alongside your creative work, you will be required to submit a 1–2-page annotated bibliography in Chicago Manual Style (17<sup>th</sup> edition). You need at least 5 sources for this assignment, which should vary (books, articles, websites, etc.) and you will need to critically evaluate their relevance to your research.

## Purpose

This assignment's purpose is to practice and develop skills like historical research, creative writing, historical analysis, source emulation, and citation formatting. All

important elements in history and historical analysis. Through this assignment you will gain a deeper understanding of what life in ancient Rome was like, through the eyes of your chosen historical figure, including insights into daily life and societal norms of ancient Rome.

## Task

1. Select a historical figure from the list provided in the unit Canvas module.
2. Conduct research. You should use a range of sources to research your figures, starting with course materials and expanding as needed. You must use at least 5 sources. Some figures will inevitably have more research and information recorded than others. If you have any issues finding sources, please reach out to me. To help, I have provided you with some suggested sources on ancient Rome at the beginning of the semester. See Module 0 for those suggested sources.



- a. **Can I use generative AI for this task?** Yes, you may use generative AI, specifically MS Copilot to help you locate resources that may be useful to your research. Please stick to websites, books, articles, and journals for sources used later in your annotated bibliography.
3. Create your creative writing piece (diary entry, letter, political speech, poem, etc.) that accurately reflects your chosen figure's historical context and perspective.



- a. **Can I use generative AI for this task?** Yes, you may use generative AI, specifically Microsoft Copilot to help you brainstorm ideas to help you determine what form your creative writing piece may take. You may not use it to write the creative content of your piece. Please include how you used Copilot at the end of your creative work and how it helped or did not help you (a short, 4-6 sentences at the end of your creative piece will be fine).
4. Create an annotated bibliography. Your bibliography should be 1-2 pages in length using Chicago Manual Style to format your citations.



- a. **Can I use generative AI for this task?** No, you are not to use any generative AI product in the creation and formatting of your bibliography. Generative AI tools often get formal citations wrong, and it is important in the field of history to know how to correctly format Chicago style citations and to be able to construct your own annotated bibliography.

## How to Prepare

- Identify key themes and cultural practices/norms relevant to your figure. Use class materials and consult the suggested sources on ancient Rome to start.
- Determine the best form for your creative piece. Remember, you can use AI to generate ideas but not to write the assignment.
- Develop your creative work using your research gathered and content from class on daily Roman life.
- Create your annotated bibliography by collecting and annotating your sources using proper Chicago style.

## Criteria

- Assignment tasks will be measured using the Canvas rubric below. *(For example, purposes there is not a rubric)*