

Toga Times!

Directions: You will be assigned to a group for this creative project worth a final test grade.

I. Your group will become “experts” on one of our lessons in the Old Book Rome Ch. 9:

- *Geography of Ancient Rome* pp. 224-227 & *Domes & Arches* pp. 244-245
- *Rise of Roman Republic* pp. 230-235
- *Roman Empire* pp. 236-243
- *Beginnings of Christianity* pp. 246-251
- *Decline of the Roman Empire* pp. 252-257

II. Your expert group will work collaboratively to produce a television news program covering the main ideas of your assigned lesson in a creative way.

III. Your news show must include:

- ☐ **Station Name & Logo** – The call letters and a logo tell the audience something about your station. Example: KOMO News: "Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay on time."
- ☐ **Lead Story** - The lead story is the most important or the attention grabber. In daily newscasts, the lead story is the biggest headline of the day.
- ☐ **News Story** – The other news story can be an editorial, an interview, a reporter covering breaking news, etc.
- ☐ **Advertisements** - Create a commercial for an ancient Roman product.
- ☐ **Weather** - The weather segment of a newscast keeps viewers informed of local and national weather conditions.
- ☐ **Sports** - A sports segment caters to viewers who might not be interested in traditional hard news.
- ☐ **Kicker** - The kicker is the closing segment of a newscast. Many newscasts use a light-hearted "personal interest" story as the kicker. It provides relief from the serious nature of hard news, and leaves viewers laughing or smiling.
- ☐ **Artwork/ Media** – You need to design a banner with your call letters & logo, and provide music/sound effects and graphics as you move from one news segment to the next or to a commercial.

IV. **Participation:** you will be graded each day on how well you work in your group staying on task and cooperating positively. Then you will receive one group grade on your final presentation.

V. **Roles:** Choose who will fulfill the following roles:

- ☐ **Station Manager** – group leader who divides work and keeps things moving; may help deliver the news, but may not be a lead reporter; this is the only group member who may ask Mrs. Patterson questions, so he/she should be a good communicator.
- ☐ **News Anchor** – writes and delivers the lead news story
- ☐ **Reporters** – writes & report other news stories
- ☐ **Art/Media Expert** – designs banner, creates music/sound effects & graphics for program

VI. **Due Dates:** Due at the end of the class period

- **Thursday, June II** – rough draft outline of program with news stories, commercials, etc.
- **Friday, June III** – rough drafts of all news stories & commercials written
- **Monday, June VI** – final outline of program; all news stories & commercials typed & submitted to Mrs. Patterson for approval
- **Tuesday, June VII** – **SHOW TIME**- you all must be in costume (togas) with all props and news stories ready to perform.