



MURMURATORMENSTRUUS SEPTEMBER 2020

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Long time, no see!

The Virginia SCL board is getting ready to hold our typical fall events online! Kickoff will NOT be held at SSSAS this year, so VSCL is running it entirely on Discord. We expect that college students are a lot more familiar with Discord than teachers, so we're looking for volunteers to help moderate and score rounds. Please use [this form](#) if you're willing to lend a hand.

VJCL Convention will also be online, which means all our events revolving around convention will be online as well. We won't have any menial tasks like grading tests or stuffing packets this year, but we do need to start figuring out a way to make TE virtual. If you have an idea for a skit, please reach out to Lexi at vicepres.vscl@gmail.com.

Since so many of our activities this year will be online, we're halving the 2020-2021 membership fee to \$15. [Please hit up the VSCL website to pay.](#)

I hope to see y'all over Discord/Zoom!

Ab ūllō pectōre
Matt Nelson

Upcoming Classics-y Events

October 9th and 16th: Parts 2 and 3 of *The Cretans* radio drama by Virginia Tech theatre department.

October 10 @ 4 PM: *Heracles and Deianeira* by Randolph College over Zoom.

October 24: VSCL Kickoff Certamen

October 31: Deadline to volunteer to participate in VJCL's translation in Latin of George O'Connor's Olympians Series.

November 21-22: VJCL Convention

December 1: Bryn Mawr Classics is searching for submissions on inequity in the field of Classics. Please see their website to submit an abstract by December 1st. The conference will take place on Zoom in March 2021.

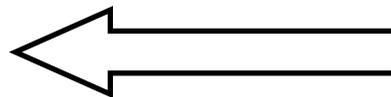
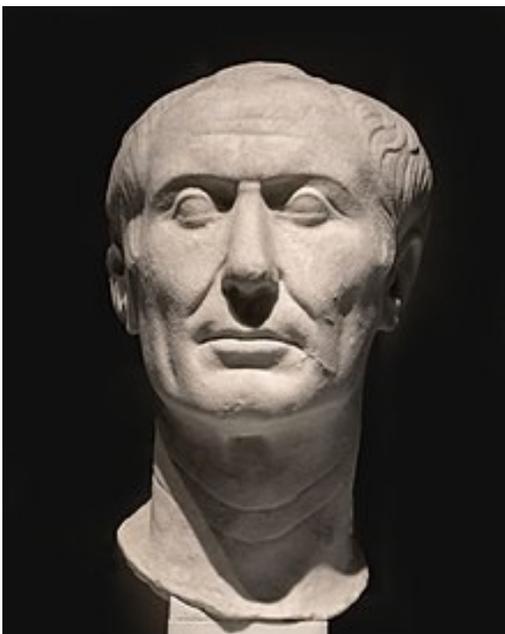
Illa Caepa de Dictatore Caesare

Matt Nelson, VSCL Editor

In a shocking turn of events, the Roman senate has recently granted Gaius Julius Caesar a life-long dictatorship over the Roman republic. Although Caesar holds immense popularity with the Roman lower class and the *Popularis* political party, he had to overcome stiff opposition from political opponents such as Cato the Younger, Metellus Scipio, and Pompey the Great. Caesar was able to overcome these rivalries with those three, as well as others, thanks to their absence in the Senate meeting that voted to decree Caesar dictator. It is likely that they will continue to miss key senatorial votes due to their death in the Civil War recently waged against Caesar, who had been declared an enemy of the state.

Although Caesar has mostly won over critics through public gifts, promises of clemency, and the overhanging threat of his private army, there are still many who question his ability as a civil leader. Most critics focus on the fact that Caesar has not served in an administrative role in nearly a decade, instead spending recent years in a military role in Gallia and Britannia. Caesar's ardent supporters hope he will enrich Rome's population with humanitarian experience learned through acts such as severing the hands of every citizen in Uxellodunum to discourage rebellion. Experts in administrative policy hope he will be able to improve the quality of food in urban Rome using the surplus products he gathered while starving to death close to a million natives of Gaul.

Despite disagreement over the feasibility of transitioning a military leader, it is clear that Caesar will continue upholding Rome's tradition of division of power. Ever since 509 BCE, Rome has prided itself on splitting absolute power of the state between two annually elected consuls. Political pundits hope that Caesar will use his autocratic force to continue this political aspect of Rome's culture. Roman historians also hope Caesar will uphold Rome's legacy of defying the monarchical tradition of neighboring states by refusing to allow a single man to control Rome's territorial holdings



This asshole really great guy seized won all three of the Nobel Peace Prize, Robert Clemente Award, and NBA Finals MVP this year.

Nugae



Tiberius, after massacring Romans to get rid of Sejanus' conspiracy



Ancient Greek in my Greek101 textbook

Ancient Greek in *The Peloponnesian War* by Thucydides

