Reading Guide—Unit 4—Chapter 10—The Roman Empire Part 3

High Empire

Read: High Empire

Answer:

Who were the major emperors during the High Empire?

Read: Trajan

Answer:

How did Trajan come to be the emperor?

Read: Forum of Trajan and Column of Trajan

Answer:

What is the subject matter of the narrative on Trajan’s column?

Read: Hadrian AND Hadrianic Portraiture

Answer:

What age was Hadrian typically depicted as in his portraits?

Read: Pantheon

Answer:

Explain how the builders altered the cement they used while building the Pantheon.

What are coffers? What is their purpose?

Read: Ostia (pg. 270) AND Apartment Houses

Answer:

Describe a typical home in Rome (or Ostia) during the High Empire.

Read: The Antonines

Answer:

How did the Roman system of adoption work amongst the ruling class?

Read: Marcus Aurelius

Answer:

Why do few bronze equestrian statues remain?

Why did Marcus Aurelius’ statue survive?

Read: Orestes Sarcophagus

Answer:

How did burial practices change during the High Empire?

What are some examples of subject matter that was depicted on sarcophagi?

Read: Mummy Portraits AND Iaia of Cyzicus and the Art of Encaustic Painting

Answer:

Describe the process of encaustic painting.

Who was Iaia of Cyzicus?

Were all sarcophagi paintings the same across the Roman Empire? Why or why not?