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#### HANDOUT ROMAN ONOMASTICS (NAME PATTERNS)

**1.** *Praenomen* or <u>individual name</u> (very few, only for men: A = Aulus; C = Gaius; CN = Gnaeus; D = Decimus; L = Lucius; M = Marcus; M' = Manius; P = Publius; Q = Quintus; SAB = Sabinus; SEX = Sextus; SP = Spurius; T = Titus; TI = Tiberius etc.).

2. *Nomen* or <u>family name</u> (always ending in *-ius* for men and in *-ia* for women).

**3. Filiation** (father's *praenomen* followed by  $\mathbf{F} = filius/filia$ ) or Freedmen status (master's *praenomen* followed by  $\mathbf{L} = libertus/liberta$ ).

**4.** *Tribus* or voting tribe (<u>only for male citizens</u>, who were registered in one of the 35 existing tribes according to where they lived: e.g. FAB = *Fabia*; MEN = *Menenia*; POB = *Poblilia*; SCA = *Scaptia*; VEL = *Velina*; VOL = *Voltinia* etc.).

5. Cognomen or <u>nickname</u> (hundreds of them, describing physical or moral features, occupation, geographic origin etc., e.g. Agricola = farmer; Agrippa = born feet first; Faustus = fortunate; Felix = lucky; Fronto = with a prominent forehead; Fulvus = blonde; Gemellus = twin; Pictor = painter; Prudens = prudent; Rufus = ginger haired. N.B. <u>Greek nicknames</u> usually indicate former slaves).

Slaves only had one name (*simplex nomen*) because they were considered as objects.

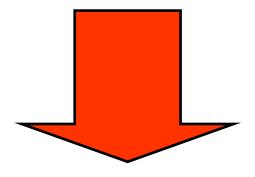
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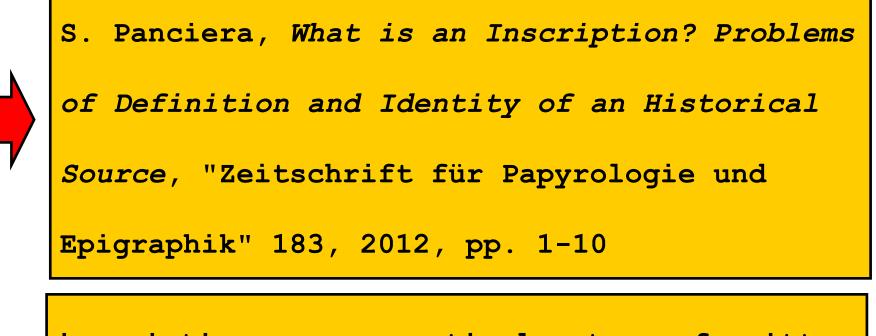
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science that studies <u>written documents</u> which are <u>inscribed</u> on <u>different supports</u> • <u>material</u> (stone, metal, ceramics, glass etc.) • <u>form</u> (all sorts of monuments and daily objects, non-movable items such as rocks etc.)



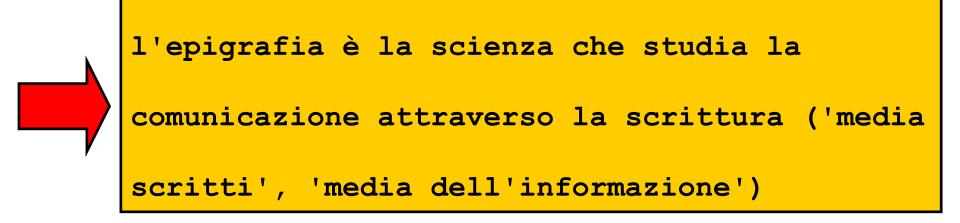
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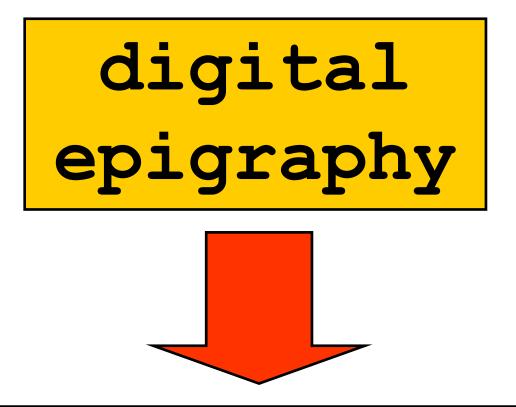
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Some concepts developed from Michel Foucalt's philosophical thought epigraphic 'situations' > epigraphic `devices' (dispositifs) M. Lamé, G. Sarullo et alii, Technology & Tradition: A Synergic Approach to Deciphering, Analyzing and Annotating Epigraphic Writings, «Lexis» 33, 2015, pp. 9-30.



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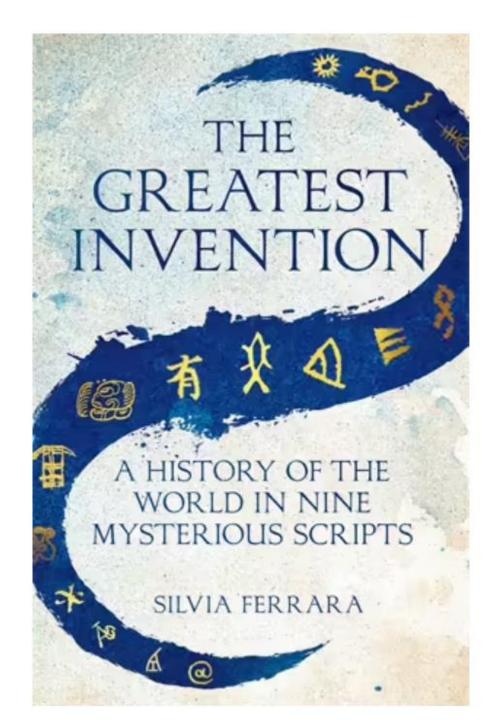
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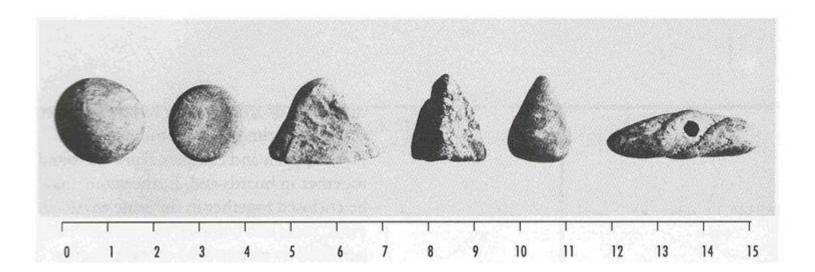
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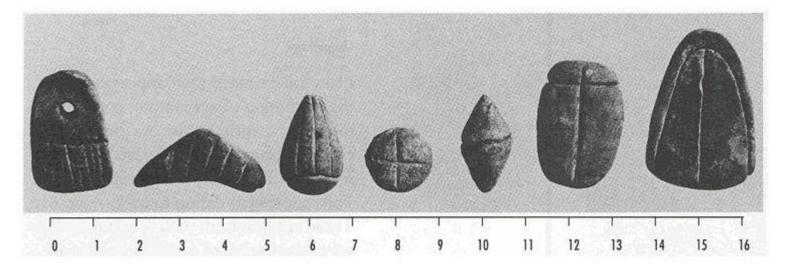


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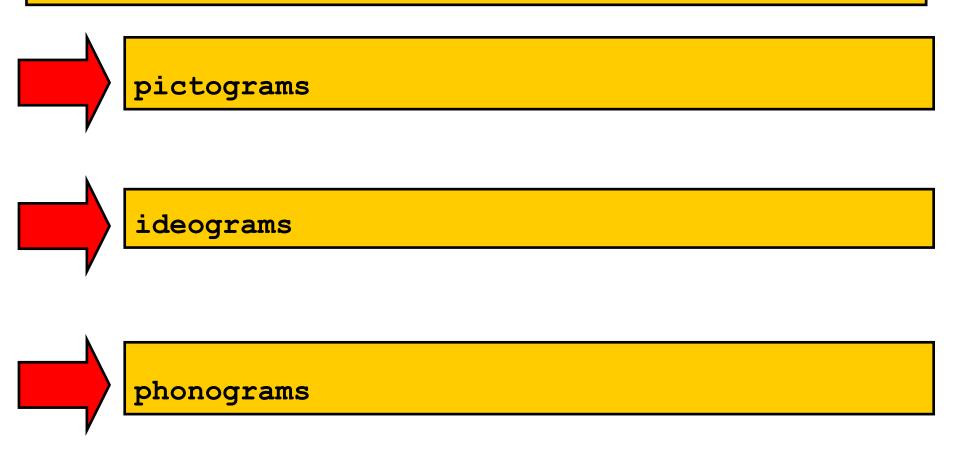


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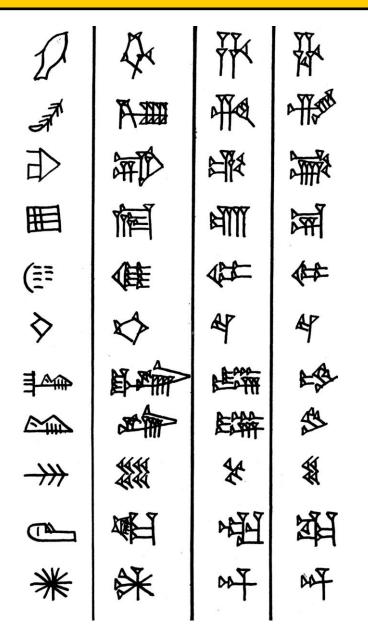


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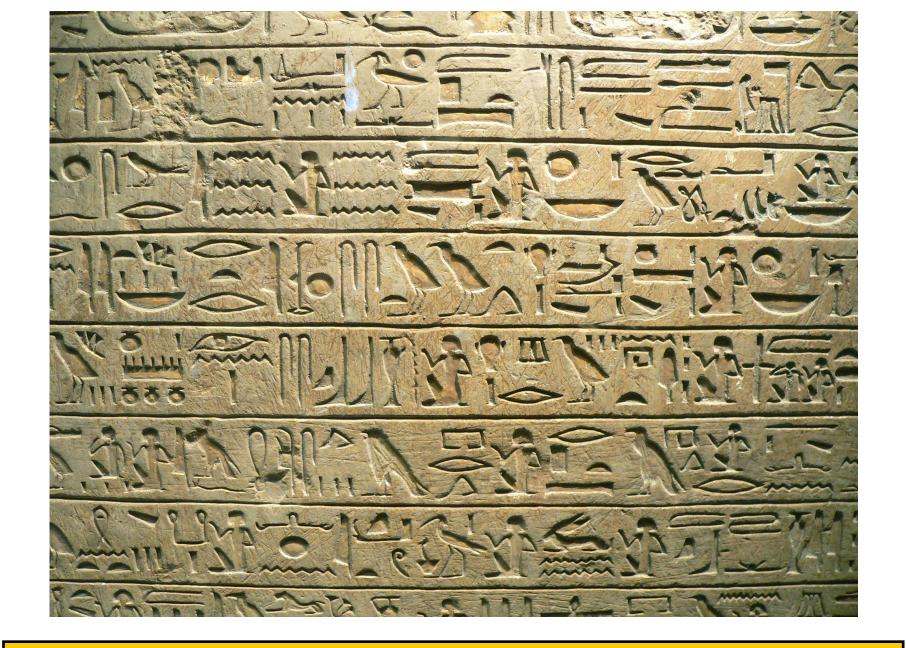
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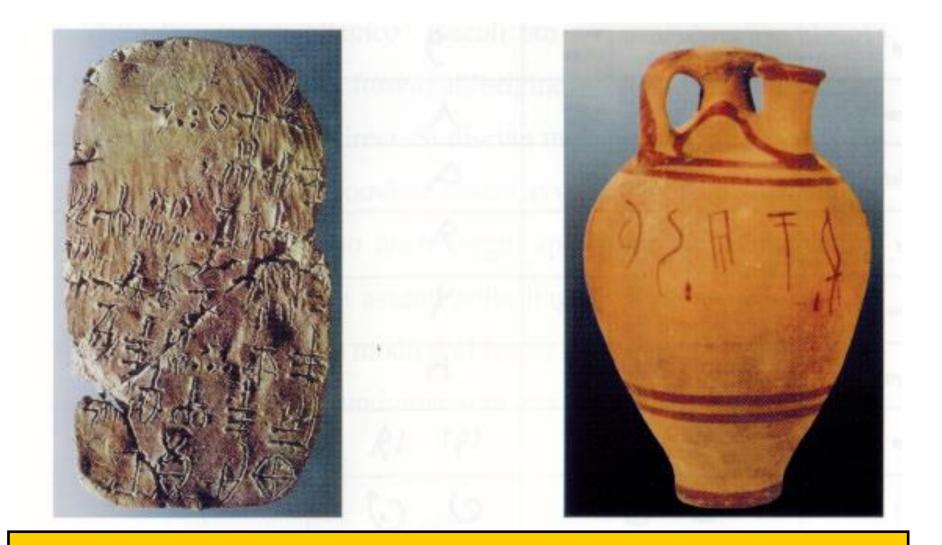
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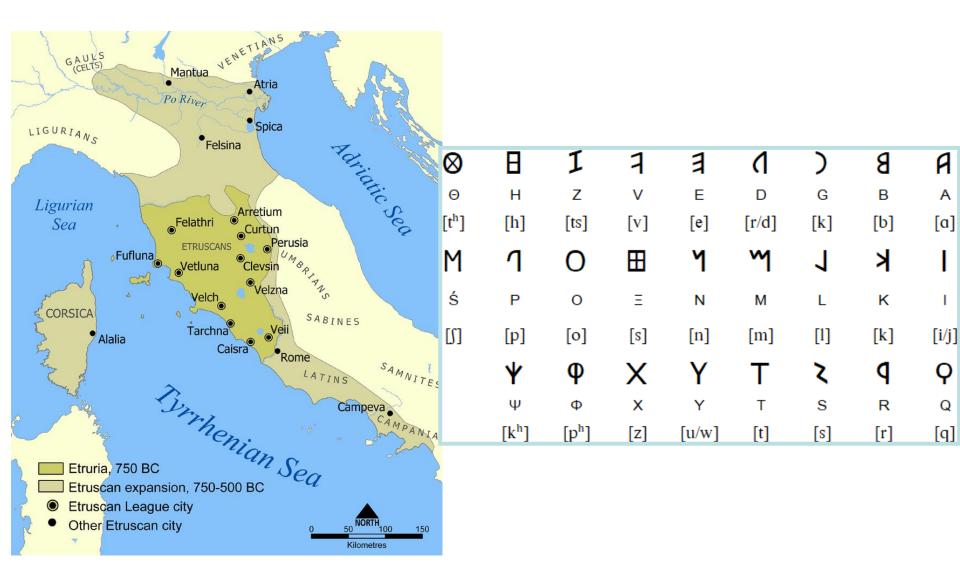


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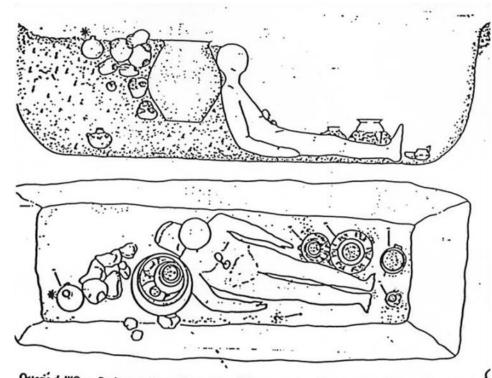
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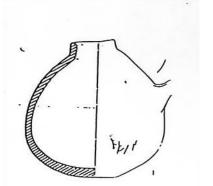
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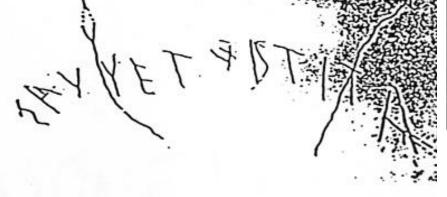
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Dionysius of Halicarnassus, Roman Antiquities, 1, 84, 5

## The oldest inscription in Latin

## Salvetod Tita.

Greetings, Tita!





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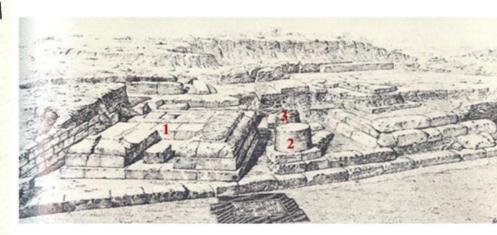
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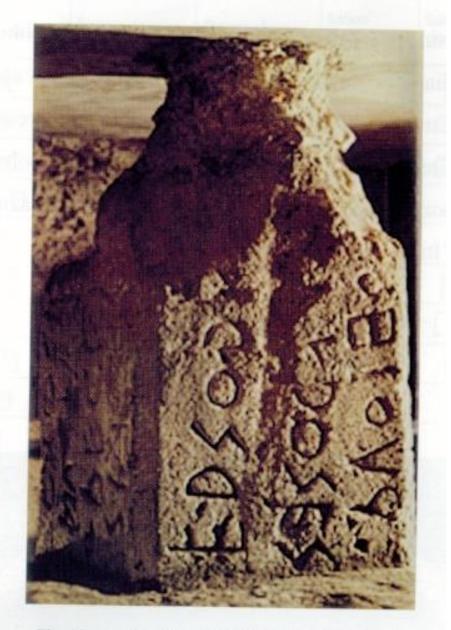


Fig. 10 Lapis niger, cippo del Foro di Roma, recante una delle più antiche iscrizioni latine. The so-called Lapis niger

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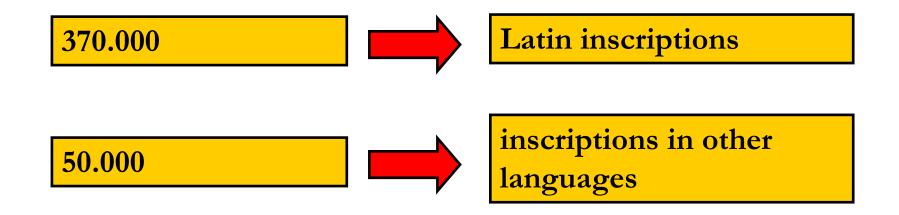
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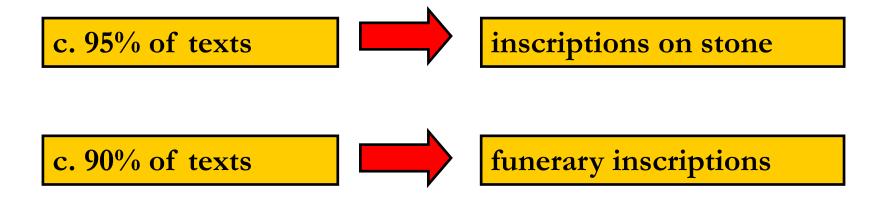
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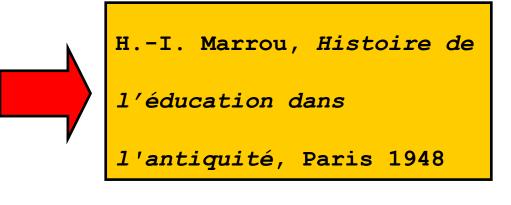
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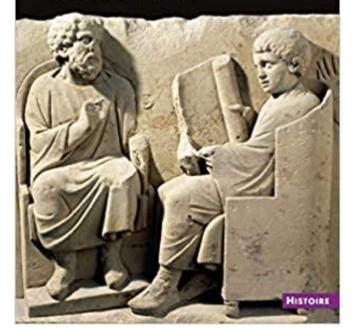
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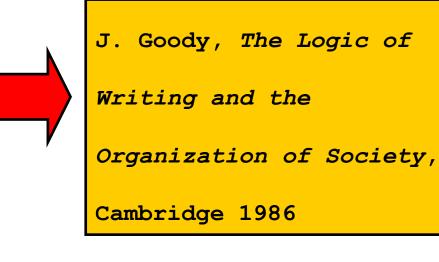


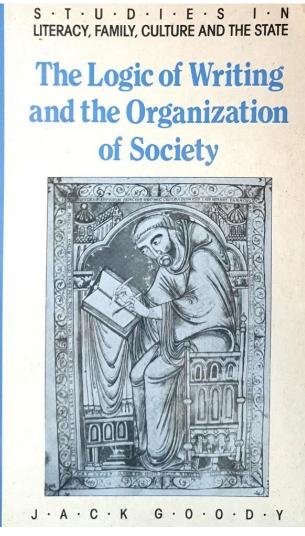
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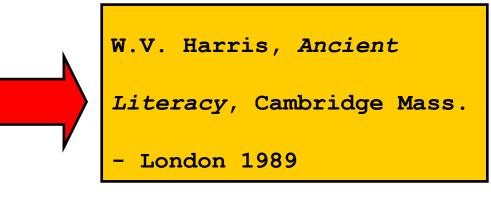


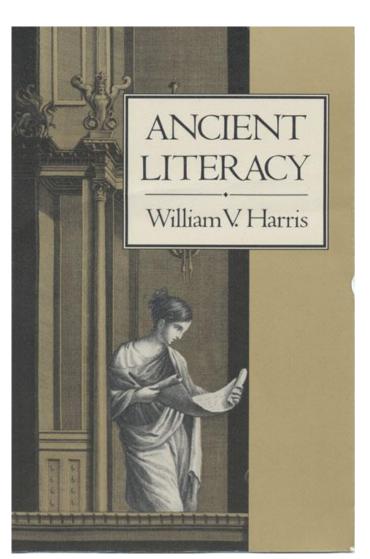
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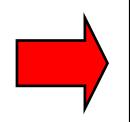
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To communicate with deities (sacred contexts)







#### Why did the Romans write?

To commemorate and remember (public contexts)



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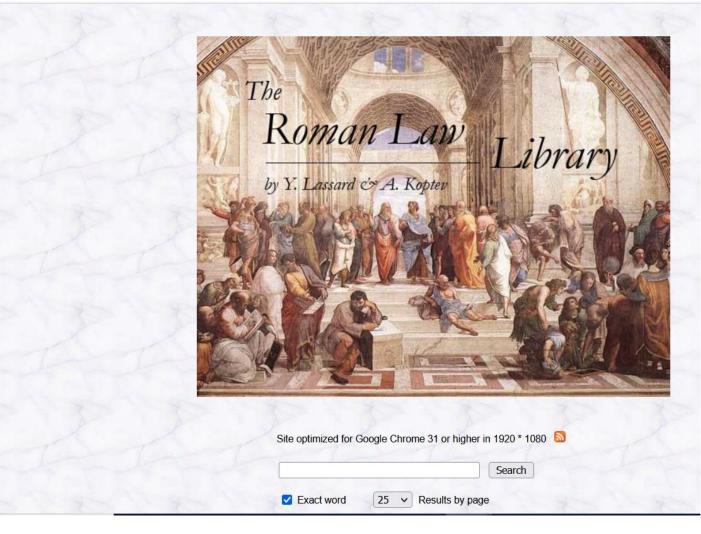
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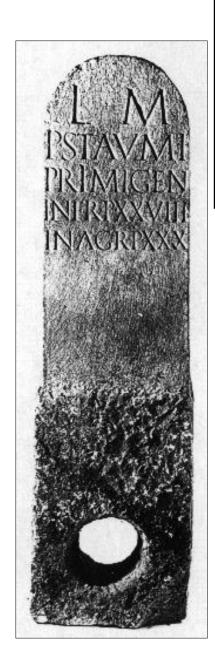
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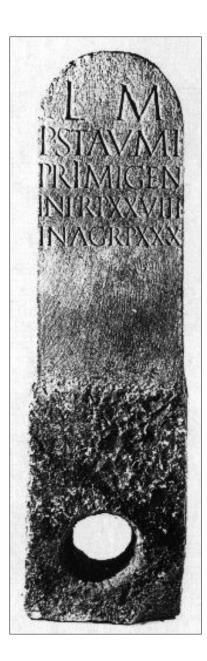
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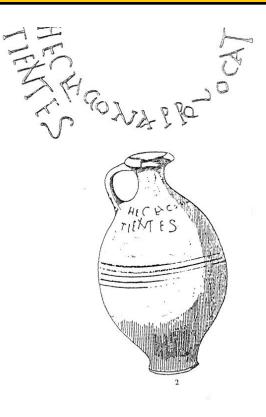
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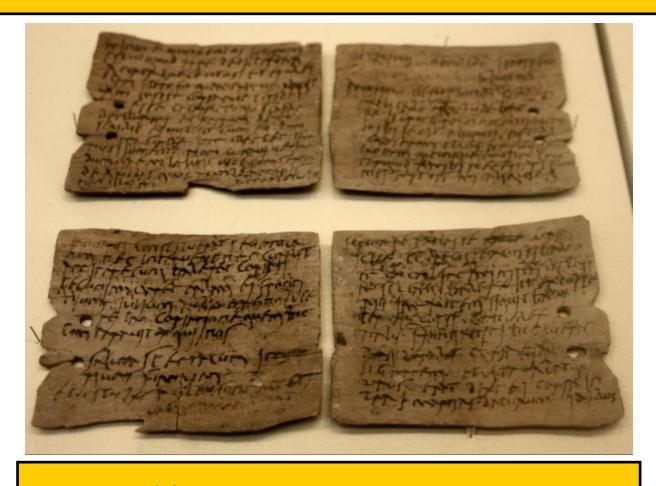


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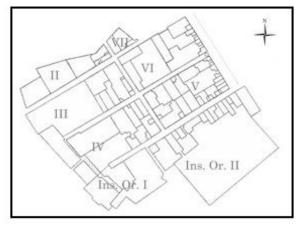
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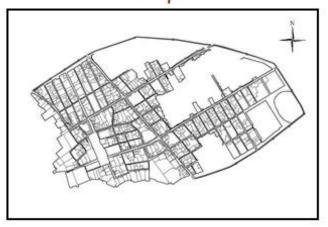
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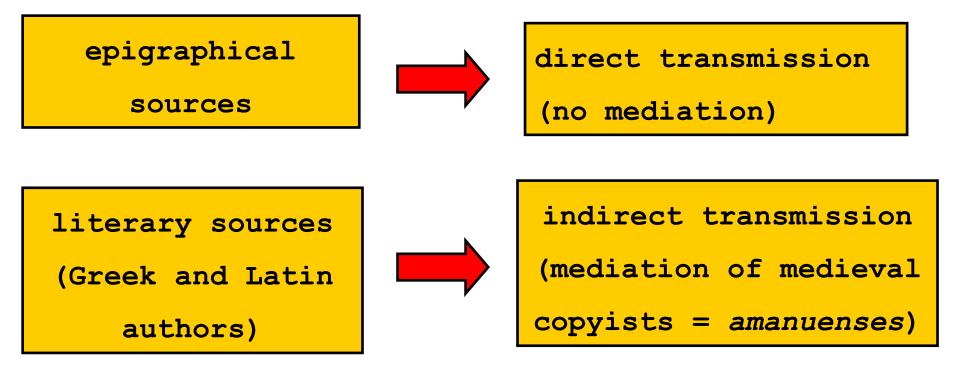


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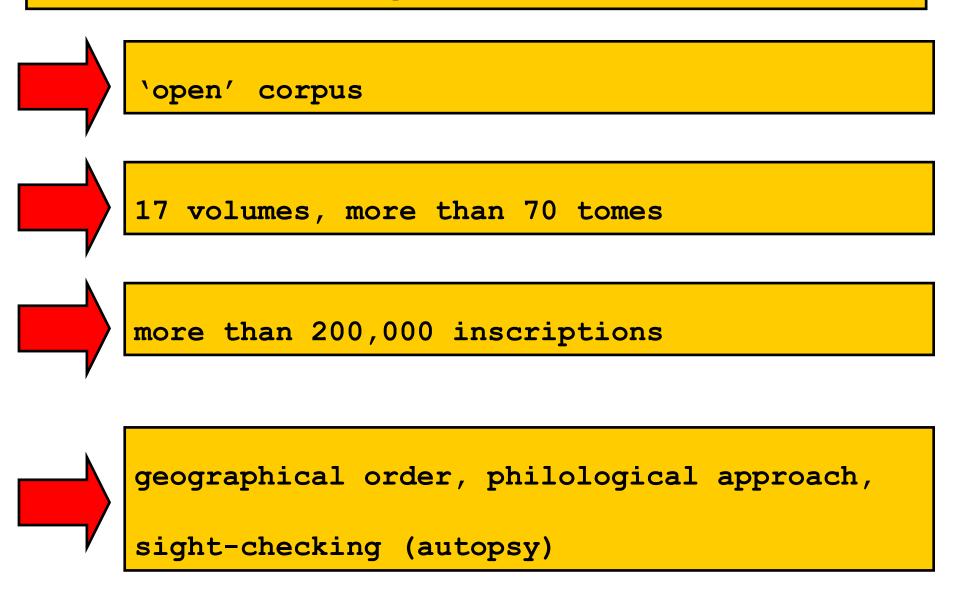
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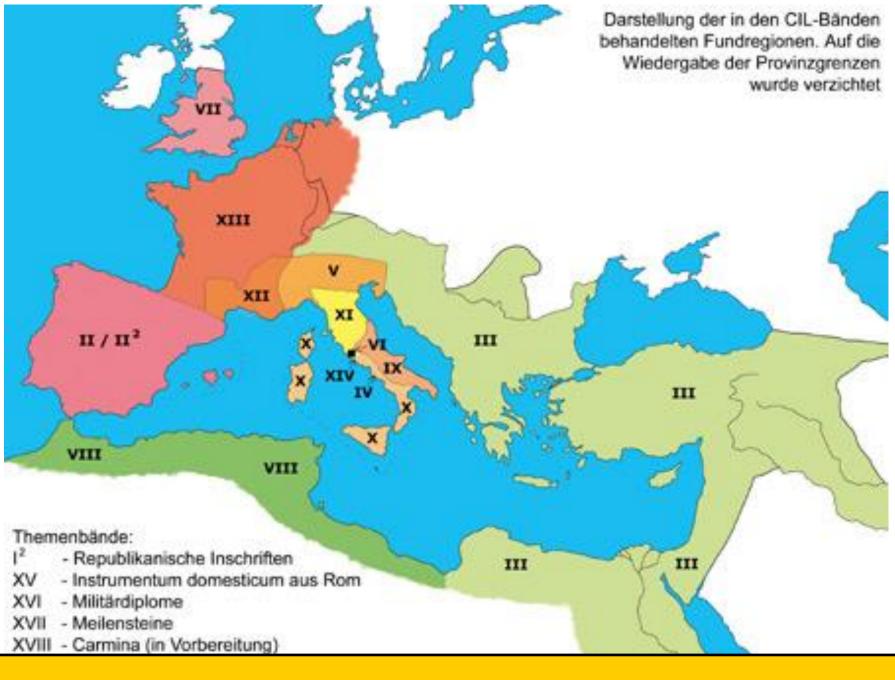
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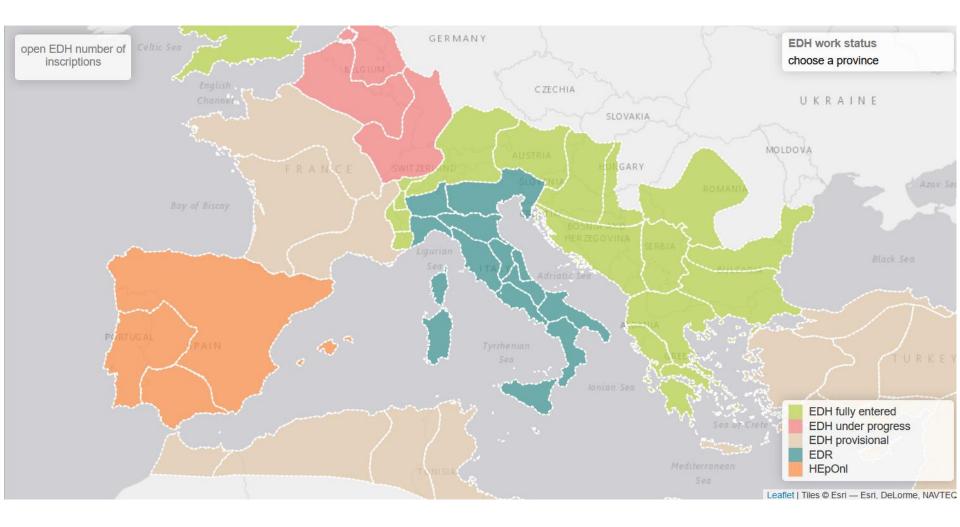
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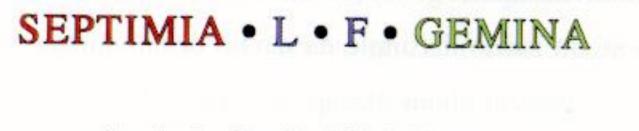
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|------------|-------------|------------|--------|------------------|
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# The Roman onomastic system for free-born women



Septimia L(uci) f(ilia) Gemina

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## The Roman onomastic system for slaves

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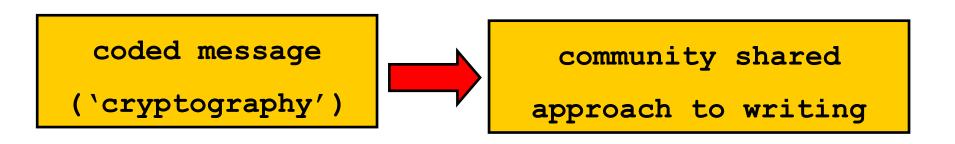
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| praenomen  | nomen      | patronate | cognomen         |
|------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| 8          | entilicium |           |                  |
|            |            |           |                  |
| individual | family     | master's  | nickname         |
| name       | name       | ind. name | (real ind. name) |

### Main diacritics used in epigraphy and papyrology

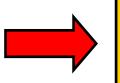
| Sign      | Explanation  |
|-----------|--|
|           |  |
| [abc]     | letters missing from the original text due to lacuna, restored by the editor |
|           |  |
| a(bc)     | abbreviation in the text, expanded by the editor                             |
|           | characters erroneously omitted by the ancient scribe, restored or corrected  |
| <ab></ab> | by the editor  |
|           |  |
| {ab}      | letters in the text considered erroneous and superfluous by the editor       |
|           | characters damaged or otherwise unclear in the text, ambiguous outside of    |
| ạḥ        | their context  |
|           |  |
| <u>ab</u> | letters read by previous editors, but now disappeared                        |
|           |  |
| +++       | traces of letters on the surface, insufficient for restoration by the editor |
|           |  |
| ABC       | clear but incomprehensible letters   |
|           |  |
| [[abc]]   | deleted letters  |
|           |  |

The main difficulty about Latin inscriptions: abbreviations!



no clues on how to

expand abbreviations



main shorthand
method: truncation
(wrongly referred
to as punctuation)

#### Abbreviations in Latin inscriptions

FERAL, F. ferales feriæ. EX. CON. C. ex confenfu civitatis, vel con-FER. L. C. ferhrum Latinarum causi. F. fulum. F. E. S. fecit è fuo, fecit et fibi, EX. CONS. ORD. PAT. ex conful ordina-F F. ET. S. fecit et facravit. fecit et fibl. FACIUNDUM, factum, familia, rius patritius. famula. fattus dies. Februarius, fecit. F. F. fabricaverunt, fieri fecit, filia fecit, ed **FXCORRECT**, excorrector, feliciter, felix, femina, fides, fieri, filia, filius, filius, filius familias, fili duo, flando feriundo, EX. COS. ex confel. finis. flamen. forum, frater, frons, fuit, fulvo, fidem freit. F.X. D. ex decreto. ex decurif. ex domo. F. filia. FF. FF. fabricaveront. fecerunt, fratres, fun-EX. D. A. vel EX. D. AUG. ex domo Au-F. A. filize amantifiimæ. filio amantifinno. daverunt. guita, wel Auguiti. FA, familia, femina, filia. EX. D. D. ex decreto decorionum. P. P. po-F. FA. F. FAM. vel F. FAM. filius familia. FAB. faber. Fabia. Fabius. fabrum. fuere. PROMAG. L. D. ex decreto decurio-FFB. fabricaverunt. F. AB. HEREDIS. TEST. FIE. JUS. f.e-F. F. C. filio faciundum curavit. num promagiftro locus datus. tum ab heredibus tellamentum fieri juffit. EX. DEC. AL. ex decreto alz. ex decutioni-FF. C. ferme centum, FABR. fabrum. fabrocum. Fabricius. F. F. J. C. Flaviorum duorum conliberta. bus alm. FABROR, NAVAL, UTRICLAR, fabro-FFD. fundsverunt. EX. DEC. DEC. MUN. MAL. ex decreto rum navalium utriclatiorum. F. FE. fortung felici. decurionum municipii Malacitania FABR. TIG. faber tignarius. EX. DISP. POS, ex difuofitione pofuit. F. F. E. hat fides ejus. FAC. faciundum, factum, F. F. F. ferro, flamma, fame, Flavius, filius, EX. DO. A. EX. DO. AUG. vel EX. DO. FAC, B. factum bene. fecit. AUG. ex doma Augusta, vel Augusti. FAC. C. faciundum curavit. F. FF. fabricare forement S. P. P. S. facris publicis przettó funt. fui TER. Terentina, tribut. tercenarius. Termit ST. SN. fententià fénatús. pecunia peluit fibi. nalia, tertia, tertiam. S. T. T. L. fit tibi terra levis. S. P. P. S. F. full pecunifi ponere fibi fecit. TEREN. Terentina, tribut. STUPED, Ripendiarum, U pro I. fumptu proprio fie procutavit fieri. TEN. N. P. Terminalia nefattus primo. ST. XXXV. flipendüs triginta quinque. 1.81 S. P. Q. E. fibi pofterifque ejus. TERT. tertium. S. V. Roulerung voluit, fibi vivens, Tolvit vo-S. P. Q. L. fenarus populufque Lanvinue. TES. OB. Teftoricz oblignature. tum. S. P. Q. NOLAN. D. D. fenatus populus que TESE, tefferarius. SU. fus. funs. Nolanus dono dedit, vel dedicavit. TEST. P. C. teftamento ponendum curavit. SUA, PEC. DD. fuil pecunia dedicavit. S. P. Q. R. CL. V. fenatus populuíque Ro-T. F. teftamento feri, Titi filius. SUB. Suburrana, tribus. manus clypeum vovit. T. F. A. N. Titi filius Auli nepos. SUB. A. D. or S. A. D. fub afeia dedicavit. S. P. O. R. IMP. CAES. fenatus populus que T. F. CN. N. Titi filius Cazi nepos. S. V. B. E. E. V. 6 vales bene effrego valeo. Romanus imperatori Carfari. OB. CIV. SER. T. F. F. S. teftamento fieri fecit fibi, vol fi-SUBPRAEF, CLASS. PR. MIS. fubprafecob cives fervatos. OP. 1 RIN. fenatus populoftulum. tus claffis prætoriæ Mifenensis. que Romanus optimo principi. PAREN

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# **INTERNET SLANG ABBREVIATION**

| Acronym - Meaning Acronym - Meaning Acronym - Meaning |                            |       |                       |      |                         |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|
| AFAIK   | As far as I know           | ICYMI | In case you missed it | POV  | Point of view           |
| ΑΚΑ   | Also known as 🛛 🔬          | IDC   | I don't care          | PPL  | People                  |
| АМА   | Ask me anything            | IDK   | I don't know          | SCNR | Sorry could not resist  |
| BRB   | Be right back              | IKR   | I know right          | sмн  | Shaking my head         |
| BTW   | By the way                 | ILY   | l love you            | SPOC | Single point of contact |
| сυ  | See you                    | ІМНО  | In my humble opinion  | ТВА  | To be announced         |
| CYS   | Check your settings        | IMO   | In my opinion         | твн  | To be honest            |
| EOBD  | End of Business Day        | JK    | Just kidding          | TGIF | Thank God is Friday 🧹   |
| FACK  | Full acknowledge           | LMK   | Let me know           | тнх  | Thanks God is Friday    |
| FAQ   | Frequently asked questions | LOL   | Laugh out loud        | тмі  | Too much information    |
| FKA   | Formerly known as          | NM    | Not much              | TTYL | Talk to you later       |
| FYI   | For you information        | NRN   | No reply necessary    | TTYS | Talk to you soon        |
| HBD   | Happy birthday             | NVM   | Never mind            | ΤΥνΜ | Thank you very much     |
| нмв   | Hit me back                | OMG   | Oh my God             | WFM  | Works for me            |
| ΗΜυ   | Hit me up                  | OMW   | On my way             | WRT  | With regard to          |
| нтн   | Hope this helps            | отон  | On the other hand     | YAM  | Yet another meeting     |