Western Civilization Resources

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Search Tips:
Remember to break down your research question or topic into the main concepts or Keywords.

Connect those Keywords with AND.

Ex: Roman Empire AND military

Advanced Tip
Use Parentheses to create more sophisticated searches.

Roman Empire AND (military OR roman legions OR war)

This will run 3 searches at once. Roman Empire AND military, Roman Empire AND roman legions, Roman Empire AND war.

Background Info:
Try Credo Reference (instead of Wikipedia) for background info on a topic. Selected titles include:
- A Guide to the Ancient World
- Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World

Useful Websites:
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