

Outline for discussion of *Caesar: The Gallic War*

Genre:

Commentary - plain, direct, factual
History - literary, ornamented, fictive

Purpose:

Report, record
Propaganda

Character:

Personality
Expression

Book I

Caesar in relation to "others"
-the Gallic peoples (1.1)
-the troops (1.38-40)
Antagonist: Ariovistus

Book II

Caesar's "success" (2.35)
-pacification of Gaul
-extraordinary honors

Book III

Caesar's "awareness"
-strategic empathy (3.10)
-observation & assessment (3.13)

Book IV

Caesar's "extension"
-bridging the Rhine (4.17)
-crossing to Britain (4.20)

Book V

Caesar's "exploration"
-return to Britain (5.12)

Book VI

Caesar's "discoveries"
-Druids (6.13)

Book VII

Caesar's "success" *redux*
-pacification of Gaul (7.1)
-revolt (7.1)
-loyalty (7.76)

-extraordinary honor (7.90)
Antagonist: Vercingetorix

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