

Lecture 8: *The Roman Empire and Its Frontiers*

Recap: Augustus and the Making of Empire

1. Pax Romana – Peace and its Effects

- A. Stability in an Imperial State
- B. The Five Good Emperor
- C. The Spread of Roman Culture

2. Being Roman: A Mediterranean Identity

- A. The “Romanization” of the West
- B. Expansion of Roman Citizenship
- C. Cultural Citizenship – Life around the pond

3. Life on the Roman Frontiers

- A. The Roman Limes
- B. Military Culture

“The Five Good Emperors” (96-180 A.D.)

Nerva (r. 96-98).

Trajan (r. 98-117).

Hadrian (r. 117-138).

Antonius Pius (r. 138-161).

Marcus Aurelius (r. 161-180).