Complete Before Coming to Turkey

These readings should be completed before departure for Turkey. This will make it possible for students to get the most out of the relatively brief time in Turkey. The site visits and course lectures will be much more meaningful if you have already done this background reading.

Availability: These textbooks are available in the UCen bookstore now, and many can be purchased inexpensively online. Several copies of them will be available in the Crisler Library. Students do not need to take assigned textbooks in their luggage. Two of the textbooks we will use will be available in Turkey (Scherrer and Büyükkolanci).

RS 128A: Roman Religion

RS 128C: Sacred Geography

Also Note:
For each of these courses, a number of readings are available on E-reserves, which will be accessible after Summer Sessions have begun on 21 June. Others will be available on the course website (noted with CW below; see the url above). While a good number of them deal specifically with sites in Turkey, and are best read just before visiting them, a number of the articles are more general, and may be read in advance if students are so inclined. These readings, along with other short readings on specific sites, can also be purchased in Turkey in a
xeroxed sourcebook, depending on student preference. The cost is usually around $20.

RS 128A E-reserve articles that can be read in advance:
Hesiod, *Theogony*
Turcan, “Domestic Ceremonies”
Beard, “Religion & Superstition”
Turcan, “Foreign Cults”
Turcan, “Religions of the Family”
Toynbee, “Death and Burial”
Walker, “Ritual at Death”
Beard, “Intolerance”
Price, *Rituals and Power*
Beard, “Christianization”

RS 128C E-reserve articles that can be read in advance:
Wharton, “Ravenna”
J. Thomas, “Landscape”
Elsner, “Viewing”
Elsner, “Pausanias” (CW)
Smith, “Bare Facts”
Smith, “To Replace”
Smith, “To Take Place” (CW)
C. Thomas, “Place and Memory”
Tilley, “Archaeology”
White Deer, “Return of the Sacred”