

Marcus Fabius Quintilianus

Quintilian

b. 35 AD in Calagurris, Spain

- ☉ sent to Rome during the reign of Nero to study rhetoric & was mentored by Domitius Afer
- ☉ Afer cultivated Quintilian's respect for Cicero
- ☉ close advisor to Galba, Nero's successor
- ☉ opened a public school of rhetoric
- ☉ one of his students was Pliny the Younger
- ☉ was made a consul by the emperor Vespasian
- ☉ retired from teaching and the law in 88 AD
- ☉ Domitian appointed him tutor for his grand-nephews/heirs

d. circa 95-100 AD



Calagurris, Spain



statue of Quintilian

Quintilian's Masterpiece

Institutio Oratoria

- 📖 a 12 volume textbook on rhetoric
- 📖 covers the theory & practice of rhetoric
- 📖 includes the education & development of the orator
- 📖 written during the last years of Domitian's reign

Book X includes:

- 📖 Authors that should be studied
- 📖 Review/comparison of Greek & Roman literature
- 📖 Imitation, composition, correction & declamation'
- 📖 Cicero was his ideal for Roman oratory
- 📖 Demosthenes was his ideal for Greek rhetoric

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