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

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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