

Latin 102
Studia Rōmāna

Read the Studia Rōmāna section on pages 143-144 of the *Companion*. Then, read the article at the following link: <https://www.vita-romae.com/roman-ships.html>

Now, imagine that you are a citizen of ancient Rome needing to travel from Rome's main port at Ostia to Massilia in Gallia Narbonensis (modern Marseille, in southern France) by ship. Write a short, descriptive paper of 300-500 words (**12 point serif font, double spaced**) in English describing your experiences. Feel free to write in the first person. Below are questions you might want to consider:

- How would you plan your voyage?
- What arrangements would you make?
- With whom? If you are a woman, remember that traveling without a man is highly unusual.
- How long would the voyage take?
- What would you have to take with you?
- What kinds of experiences and dangers might you encounter along the way?
- How might someone in Rome find out if you made it safely to your destination?
- What would you do at the end of your voyage?
- Et cētera...

Be creative, but authentic! Consult a map! A good paper will draw comparisons and contrasts between modern and ancient means of travel.

Due on Friday, March 25 at the beginning of class.