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Jews in the Roman Empire Homework

Directions: Read the excerpts from the packet written by Josephus, Tacitus, and Severus about the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple. Then answer the following questions.

Reading From the Packet: Josephus (27-100 CE), *The Jewish War*, Book VI – **The Temple Burns (p7)**

How does Josephus describe Titus?

Why might Josephus be taking this particular position? In other words, what are his motivations?

Reading: Tacitus (56-118 CE) *Annals* – **A Roman Reports on the War (p6)**

How does Tacitus' account of the destruction of the Temple differ from Josephus?

Reading: Severus (363-420 CE) *Chronica* – **Titus Destroys the Temple (8)**

How does Severus see Titus' role in the destruction of the Temple?

Based on all the readings:

Of these different historical perspectives, whose do you trust? Why?