Caesars and Corleones: Augustan Rome and The Godfather

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Abstract
What do The Godfather and the Roman Empire have in common? This thesis will compare the Augustan period of the Roman Empire and Francis Ford Coppola's The Godfather. Themes such as power, religion, family, and morality play a large role in The Godfather as well as in the life of Augustus. Even the personal character of Augustus seems to parallel the character of Don Vito Corleone. First, a historical background is provided about Augustus, the empire he ran, and how he ran it. I examine excerpts from famous authors of antiquity such as Suetonius, Cassius Dio, and Horace. I also examine the Res Gestae, the accomplishments of Augustus, as well as the Ara Pacis. These texts and monuments depict Augustus as a patriotic, paternal, and paradoxical figure. These characteristics seem to apply to the character of Vito as well. The historical arc of the life of Augustus, with the results of the transfer from the pater patriae to later emperors, will also be described as paralleling the history of the Corleone family's many transitions.

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But the Augustan reforms were not limited to political, economic and social issues alone. They also envisioned a fundamental change in Roman culture itself. Augustus tried to turn Rome into a world capital and taught the Romans to identify their destiny with the destiny of all mankind. They were the chosen people who would bring peace and stability to a violent and changing world. Such a statement denies the genius of Rome and also accepts the greatness of Greek cultural values. This leaves us with a question: "how was it that the Romans succeeded in envisioning a world civilization?" True, the Romans did find much in Greek culture that fit their own preconceived notions of the world process. A page for describing Characters: Godfather - Corleone Family. Main Character Index Corleone Family (Vito Corleone | Michael Corleone) | Corleone Family … As an adult, he often acts as a buffer between the Corleones and their WASP colleagues. The Consigliere: Trope Codifier. Close to a Unbuilt Trope in that Tom, though well-meaning, isn't a particularly good Consigliere during wartime. Aug 20, 2019 - Explore Caesar Augustus's board "The godfather" on Pinterest. See more ideas about The godfather, Godfather movie, Godfather quotes. On the surface, the Corleones were a close-knit family that sold olive oil and occasionally whacked a trouble-maker. But look a little deeper, and the Godfather trilogy reveals insight and strategies that can help your IT career thrive. The Godfather Poster Godfather Quotes Godfather Movie Goodfellas Quotes Scarface Quotes The Godfather Wallpaper Marlon Brando Gangster Quotes Gangster Movies. ~someday/service/justice..The godfather. Favorite Movie Quotes Famous Movie Quotes Film Quotes Best Quotes Funny Quotes Famous Movies Quotes Favorite Things Andy Garcia. my favorite line from The Godfather...