

Polybius Quotes

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If history is deprived of the Truth, we are left with nothing but an idle, unprofitable tale.

~Polybius

Monarchy degenerates into tyranny, aristocracy into oligarchy, and democracy into savage violence and chaos.

~Polybius

A good general not only sees the way to victory; he also knows when victory is impossible.

~Polybius

All things are subject to decay and change.

~Polybius

Nor ought we ever to allow any growing power to acquire such a degree of strength as to be able to tear from us, without resistance, our natural, undisputed rights.

~Polybius

The government will take the fairest of names, but the worst of realities--mob rule.

~Polybius

[There can be no] rational administration of government when good men are held in the same esteem as bad ones.

~Polybius

Knowing how to win is the first step. We must also know how to make use of our victories.

~Polybius

Those who know how to win are much more numerous than those who know how to make proper use of their victories.

~Polybius

When the ancients said a work well begun was half done, they meant to impress the importance of always endeavoring to make a good beginning.

~Polybius

The mob is easily led and may be moved by the smallest force, so that its agitations have a wonderful resemblance to those of the sea.

~Polybius

For peace, with justice and honor, is the fairest and most profitable of possessions, but with disgrace and shameful cowardice, it is the most infamous and harmful of all.

~Polybius

We can profit only by our own misfortunes and those of others. The former, though they may be the more beneficial, are also the more painful; let us turn, then, to the latter.

~Polybius

On any occasion when one can discover the cause of events, one should not resort to the gods.

~Polybius

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