

Sallust Quotes

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Wicked, Wise, Grief, Bravery, Inspirational, War, Fleeting, States, Victory*

Harmony makes small things grow; lack of it makes great things decay.

~Sallust

Few men desire liberty; most men wish only for a just master.

~Sallust

Small communities grow great through harmony, great ones fall to pieces through discord.

~Sallust

The firmest friendship is based on an identity of likes and dislikes.

~Sallust

Everything rises but to fall, and increases but to decay.

~Sallust

Greedy for the property of others, extravagant with his own

~Sallust

They envy the distinction I have won; let them therefore, envy my toils, my honesty, and the methods by which I gained it.

~Sallust

All those who offer an opinion on any doubtful point should first clear their minds of every sentiment of dislike, friendship, anger or pity.

~Sallust

In my opinion it is less shameful for a king to be overcome by force of arms than by bribery.

~Sallust

A small state increases by concord; the greatest falls gradually to ruin by dissension.

~Sallust

Do as much as possible, and talk of yourself as little as possible

~Sallust

The renown which riches or beauty confer is fleeting and frail mental excellence is a splendid and lasting possession.

~Sallust

Neither soldiers nor money can defend a king but only friends won by good deeds, merit, and honesty.

~Sallust

Necessity makes even the timid brave.

~Sallust

One can never assume to be what he is not, and to conceal what he is.

~Sallust

Each man the architect of his own fate.

~Sallust

It is better to use fair means and fail, than foul and conquer.

~Sallust

Kings are more prone to mistrust the good than the bad; and they are always afraid of the virtues of others.

~Sallust

A good man would prefer to be defeated than to defeat injustice by evil means.

~Sallust

We employ the mind to rule, the body to serve.

~Sallust

In battle it is the cowards who run the most risk; bravery is a rampart of defense.

~Sallust

To like and dislike the same things that is indeed true friendship.

~Sallust

Every bad precedent originated as a justifiable measure.

~Sallust

Those most moved to tears by every word of a preacher are generally weak and a rascal when the feelings evaporate.

~Sallust

It is always easy to begin a war, but very difficult to stop one.

~Sallust

Ambition breaks the ties of blood, and forgets the obligations of gratitude.

~Sallust

By union the smallest states thrive. By discord the greatest are destroyed.

~Sallust

Advise well before you begin, and when you have maturely considered, then act with promptitude.

~Sallust

Not by vows nor by womanish prayers is the help of the gods obtained; success comes through vigilance, energy, wise counsel.

~Sallust

Distinguished ancestors shed a powerful light on their descendants, and forbid the concealment either of their merits or of their demerits.

~Sallust

Fame is the shadow of passion standing in the light

~Sallust

No mortal man has ever served at the same time his passions and his best interests.

~Sallust

It is a law of human nature that in victory even the coward may boast of his prowess, while defeat injures the reputation even of the brave.

~Sallust

Ambition drove many men to become false; to have one thought locked in the breast, another ready on the tongue.

~Sallust

To desire the same things and to reject the same things, constitutes true friendship. [Lat., *Idem velle et idem nolle ea demum firma amicitia est.*]

~Sallust

Poor Britons, there is some good in them after all - they produced an oyster.

~Sallust

The poorest of men are the most useful to those seeking power.

~Sallust

The fame which is based on wealth or beauty is a frail and fleeting thing; but virtue shines for ages with undiminished lustre.

~Sallust

No grief reaches the dead.

~Sallust

He that will be angry for anything will be angry for nothing.

~Sallust

There were few who preferred honor to money.

~Sallust

As the blessings of health and fortune have a beginning, so they must also find an end. Everything rises but to fall, and increases but to decay.

~Sallust

The very life which we enjoy is short. [Lat., Vita ipsa qua fruimur brevis est.]

~Sallust

All who consult on doubtful matters, should be void of hatred, friendship, anger, and pity.

~Sallust

All men who would surpass the other animals should do their best not to pass through life silently like the beasts whom nature made prone, obedient to their bellies.

~Sallust

Deliberate before you begin; but, having carefully done so, execute with vigour.

~Sallust

Fortune rules in all things, and advances and depresses things more out of her own will than right and justice.

~Sallust

The fame that goes with wealth and beauty is fleeting and fragile; intellectual superiority is a possession glorious and eternal.

~Sallust

For harmony makes small states great, while discord undermines the mightiest empires.

~Sallust

The soul is the captain and ruler of the life of morals.

~Sallust

The higher your station, the less your liberty.

~Sallust

To someone seeking power, the poorest man is the most useful.

~Sallust

Just to stir things up seemed a great reward in itself.

~Sallust

Small endeavours obtain strength by unity of action: the most powerful are broken down by discord.

~Sallust

By the wicked the good conduct of others is always dreaded.

~Sallust

In victory even the cowardly like to boast, while in adverse times even the brave are discredited.

~Sallust

Prosperity tries the souls even of the wise.

~Sallust

Everything that rises sets, and everything that grows, grows old.

~Sallust

No man underestimates the wrongs he suffers; many take them more seriously than is right.

~Sallust

Of the bodies in the cosmos, some imitate mind and move in orbits; some imitate soul and move in a straight line, fire and air upward, earth and water downward.

~Sallust

To have the same desires and the same aversion is assuredly a firm bond of friendship.

~Sallust

For men who had easily endured hardship, danger and difficult uncertainty, leisure and riches, though in some ways desirable, proved burdensome and a source of grief.

~Sallust

A good man prefers to suffer rather than overcome injustice with evil.

~Sallust

Get good counsel before you begin; and when you have decided, act promptly.

~Sallust

Most honorable are services rendered to the State; even if they do not go beyond words, they are not to be despised.

~Sallust

The glory of riches and of beauty is frail and transitory; virtue remains bright and eternal. [Lat., *Divitarum et formae gloria fluxa atque fragilis;*

virtus clara aeternaque habetur.]

~Sallust

The Gods being good and making all things, there is no positive evil, it only comes by absence of good; just as darkness itself does not exist, but only comes about by absence of light.

~Sallust

In my opinion, he only may be truly said to live and enjoy his being who is engaged in some laudable pursuit, and acquires a name by some illustrious action, or useful art.

~Sallust

In my own case, who have spent my whole life in the practice of virtue, right conduct from habitual has become natural.

~Sallust

Enough words, little wisdom. [Lat., Satis eloquentiae sapientiae parum.]

~Sallust

But the case has proved that to be true which Appius says in his songs, that each man is the maker of his own fate.

~Sallust

The glory of wealth and of beauty is fleeting and frail; virtue is illustrious and everlasting.

~Sallust

To have the same likes and dislikes, therein consists the firmest bond of friendship.

~Sallust

Among intellectual pursuits, one of the most useful is the recording of

past events.

~Sallust

But few prize honour more than money.

~Sallust

It is sweet to surve one country by deeds, and it is not absurd to surve her by words.

~Sallust

But at power or wealth, for the sake of which wars, and all kinds of strife, arise among mankind, we do not aim; we desire only our liberty, which no honorable man relinquishes but with his life.

~Sallust

When the prizes fall to the lot of the wicked, you will not find many who are virtuous for virtue's sake.

~Sallust

Of the cosmic Gods some make the world be, others animate it, others harmonize it, consisting as it does of different elements; the fourth class keep it when harmonized.

~Sallust

Before you act consider; when you have considered, tis fully time to act.

~Sallust

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