

Sources: Death of Augustus

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date of Event</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Tacitus 'Annals' 1.3-4, 1.53	Augustus's general reign; Julia's death – AD14	Marcellus; Agrippa; Tiberius & Drusus; Gaius & Lucius → treatment, deaths; Restoration of the Republic; slight unrest; issues with successors; issues with family; Julia's death.	To tell what happens; to criticise the emperorship.	Succession, family, Senate relationship
Suetonius 'Life of Augustus' 63-66	General – Augustus's reign	Training of family; deaths of heirs; colleagues (Agrippa, Maecenas).	Tell what happens; to entertain.	Succession, advisors.
Velleius Paterculus 2.93-96 2.99-100	Augustus's later reign	A plot; Marcellus & Agrippa; Tiberius; Julia.	To inform; to praise the emperorship.	Succession, family.
Seneca 'On Benefits' 6.32	2BC (dramatic date)	Maecenas & Agrippa – advisors; Julia.	To suggest good strategy for an emperor.	Advisors, family.
Younger Seneca 'Moral Epistles' 5	Rule of Augustus	Criticism of Maecenas.	To criticise.	Advisors.
Younger Seneca 'To Marcia – on Consolation'	After Marcellus's death	Reasons Marcellus was a good choice for successor.	To praise Augustus through Marcellus.	Succession.
Virgil 'Aeneid' 6.860-885	During Augustus's reign	Praising Marcellus (Augustus's potential successor) – linking him to Rome and its history.	To (sycophantic ally) praise Augustus and Rome – Augustus was Virgil's patron.	Succession, family.
Augustus 'Res Gestae' 14	Gaius & Lucius's deaths and lives	Gaius & Lucius's introductions to the Senate; their deaths.	To recount his life in a positive way.	Succession, family.
Suetonius 'Life of Tiberius'	Augustus's later reign	Criticism of Tiberius, reasoning behind Augustus's decision.	To inform; to entertain.	Succession.