**‘The sources consistently underestimate the significance of the contributions of other individuals to the reigns of the Julio-Claudian emperors.’ How far do you agree with this view?[30]**

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge of the period…***

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge of other sources…***

***Evaluate the view of the source using your knowledge its provenance…***

“In the case of Germanicus, it is clear that sources do not underestimate his contribution during the reign of Tiberius, and in fact emphasise his importance, presenting him as a Roman hero and contrast to Tiberius. Tacitus in *Annals*, for example, describes the success of Germanicus in recapturing the Eagles lost at the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest in AD 9, which led to him celebrating a triumph in AD 17 and, in Tacitus’ view, being seen as a threat by Tiberius to his power.

**KEY FIGURES - ‘Smaller’ sources on this topic**

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| **Source** | **How could you use it in this question?** | **How reliable?** |
| **Coin - Aureus of Gaius and Lucius, 2 BC – AD 11** |  |  |
| **Coin – Denarius Augustus and Agrippa 13 BC** |  |  |
| **Augustus’ funeral oration in praise of Agrippa, 12 BC** |  |  |
| **Coin – Denarius of Gaius AD 37** |  |  |
| **Coin – Aureus of Drusus AD 41-5** |  |  |
| **Pliny, *Natural History* 60.17.8 (Claudius Booklet)** |  |  |
| **Inscription of the Freedman Procurator of Ostia** |  |  |
| **Coin – Aureus of Nero, AD 54 (Agrippina coin)** |  |  |
| **Coin – Denarius of Vindex, AD 68** |  |  |
| **Coin – Denarius of Galba, AD 68** |  |  |