**‘How useful is the evidence for our understanding of attitudes towards the Imperial Cult in this period? [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…***

“The evidence of the sources is useful in understanding attitudes towards the Imperial Cult because it suggests that the Julio-Claudian emperors viewed the Cult as a way to enhance their personal power and that of their regime. This is evident in the case of Gaius who, according to Suetonius, insisted on being referred to as a God despite already being more powerful than any king or local ruler.”

**RELIGION - ‘Smaller’ sources on this topic**

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| **Source** | **How could you use it in this question?** | **How reliable?** |
| **Virgil** |  |  |
| **Ovid** |  |  |
| **Horace** |  |  |
| **Coin – *Denarius* 16 BC, Symbols of four priesthoods held by Augustus** |  |  |
| **Inscription – Cult of the Augustan Lares at Rome** |  |  |
| **Altar at Narbonne** |  |  |
| **Tiberius letter to Gytheion** |  |  |
| **Inscription – Worship of Tiberius’ genius at Rome** |  |  |
| **Claudius letter to Alexandrians** |  |  |
| **Coin – *As* of Nero as a lyre-player AD 62** |  |  |