

INTRODUCTION

The relations between the Roman Empire and the various tribes inhabiting territories next to its borders were the subject of active political actions, depending on the specific historical situation. The Marcomannic Wars of Marcus Aurelius were the result of yet another episode of these relations. They are considered as one of the first serious manifestations of external pressure on the Empire from the free peoples living in the lands north and east of the

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