On the Nature of the Hedgehog – Cod. Bern 318

Pre-reading Activities, Transcription, and Suggestions

**1) PRE-READING**

a) CLOZE READING

De Natura Uricii

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\* This CLOZE reading follows what is actually abbreviated in the manuscript, and mainly focuses on the uses to the “et” abbreviation. While simple, it does draw attention to transition moments in the text (conjunctions and verbs) and is useful for pre-reading

b) VIDEO

*Related Video*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57BTS-W_2QI>

\*not the exact same text as the manuscript\*

*Related Text*: St. Isidore of Seville’s *Etymologiae* ([http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Isidore/12\*.html#2](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/L/Roman/Texts/Isidore/12*.html#2))

c) ACTIVE LATIN SCRIPT

Animal est ericius. Quid animal vocatur?

**Animal Ericius vocatur**.

Ericius habet spinas. Quid Ericius habet?

**Ericus spinas habet.**

Ericius uvas edet. Quid Ericius edet?

**Ericius uvas edet.**

Uvae in vitem crescunt. Ubi uvae crescent?

**Uvae in vitem crescunt.**

Ericius uvas in spinis suis fert. Quomodo Ericius uvas fert?

**Ericius uvas in spinis suis fert.**

Ericius filiis suis uvas dat. Cui Ericius uvas dat?

**Ericius filiis suis uvas dat.**

\* This script can also be used as comprehension questions in a post reading activity

**2) TRANSCRIPTION**

De Natura Uricii

Ericius quidem figuram habet totum spineam et totus de spinis plenus est. Physiologus dicit de eo tempore vindimiae\* ascendit in vitem super brutuum\* et deicit grana eius in terra et descendens volutat se super grana et adherent in spinis eius et adferet filiis suis

Vindimia = grape

Brutuum = grape