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Round A1

- I. 1031 What one English noun could translate the Latin nouns
vicus, clivus and via? ROAD OR STREET
- What is distinctive about a clivus? IT CLIMBS A HILL
What else can vicus mean? NEIGHBORHOOD, VICINITY, VILLAGE
- II. 7877 What contemporary of Martial and Pliny the Younger wrote his satires
in dactylic hexameter? JUVENAL
- What was his full name? DECIMUS JUNIUS JUVENALIS
Translate this famous line from his first satire: Difficile est saturam
non scribere. IT'S DIFFICULT NOT TO WRITE SATIRE.
- III. 3368 What monster's blood made Heracles' arrows poisonous?
THE HYDRA'S
- Who received the bow and arrows from the dying Heracles?
PHILOCTETES (or POEAS)
What service did Philoctetes (or his father Poeas) perform
for the doomed hero? LIT HIS FUNERAL PYRE
- IV. 3417 What monsters had the bodies of vultures and the heads of
maidens? THE HARPIES
- What had a lion's body and a woman's head? THE SPHINX
What was part lion and part goat with a snake's tail? THE CHIMAERA
- V. 7849 Which of Plautus' plays centers around a haunted house?
MOSTELLARIA
- Which of them is a comedy of errors with mismatched twins?
THE MENAECHMI
Which of them involves a trick played by Jupiter and Mercury
on two mortals? AMPHITRYO
- VI. 7860 What poet wrote to a mistress named Cynthia? PROPERTIUS
- To Lesbia? CATULLUS
To Delia? TIBULLUS
- VII. 915 Many third-declension adjectives have only one form for the
nominative singular. Most of these end in -ns, like potens, or
-x, like audax. Name one such adjective which ends with neither
-ns nor -x and means "equal." PAR

Name one that means "rich." DIVES
 Name one that means "headlong." PRAECEPTS

VIII. The ill-fated Roman commanders Paullus and Varro led Roman troops
 5919 into what disastrous battle? CANNAE

What was the year? 216 BC
 What was the war? SECOND PUNIC

IX. Translate the sentence: "They will try." TEMPTABUNT/CONABUNTUR
 845

"We have attacked." OPPUGNAVIMUS
 "They have stood." STETERUNT

X. Name the Roman general who defeated Perseus at the Battle of
 5761 Pydna. L. AEMILIUS PAULLUS

What war did this battle end? THE THIRD MACEDONIAN
 Who, claiming to be Perseus' son, forced Rome to fight a
 Fourth Macedonian War? ANDRISCUS

XI. Give the Latin for the main verb: "When I was young, we used
 1120 to walk to school every day." AMBULABAMUS

"Did you walk to school today, son?" AMBULAVISTINE?
 "Let's walk to school tomorrow." AMBULEMUS

XII. Change ago to future. AGAM
 1070

Change ago to perfect. EGI
 Change egi to passive. ACTUS SUM

XIII. How many books comprise the Aeneid? TWELVE
 7848

Which is the longest? XII (952 lines)
 Which is the shortest? IV (705 lines)

XIV. What is another name for the partitive genitive?
 833 GENITIVE OF THE WHOLE

What limitation is there in good prose on the use of the
 dative of possession? IT MUST BE WITH THE VERB SUM
 What case besides the genitive can show description? ABLATIVE

XV. What entire month did the Romans consider undesirable for
 6000 weddings? MAY

Rites in honor of what deity made the first half of June
also off limits? VESTA
Besides the Kalends, Nones and Ides of every month, what other
days were ill-omened every month?
THE DAYS AFTER THE KALENDS, NONES AND IDES

XVI. In what year did the Senate confer on Octavian the title
6031 of Augustus? 27 BC

What title did he prefer to *imperator*? PRINCEPS
Who was his empress? LIVIA

XVII. Latin, Greek and our own Germanic branch language all have
752 descended from what earlier linguistic foundation?
INDO-EUROPEAN

Derivatives are words which come to English from Latin; what is the
term for words in Latin and English descended along different
paths from the same Indo-European root, such as *ego* and *I*?

COGNATES

What English verb is cognate with *gnoſco*? KNOW

XVIII. What African chieftain was seeking Dido's hand when Aeneas
3255 arrived? IARBAS

Who was Dido's sister? ANNA
What was Iarbas' kingdom? GAETULIA (LIBYA)

XIX. What was the name of the crashing rocks narrowly escaped by
3298 Jason and his men? THE SYMPLEGADES

Whose advice got them through these rocks? PHINEUS'
From what monsters did they rescue Phineus? THE HARPIES

XX. What is the mood of the verb form *loquēris*? INDICATIVE
1202

Of *hortēris*? SUBJUNCTIVE
Of *pollicēris*? INDICATIVE

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Round A2

- I. 7854 Name Cicero's first wife. TERENTIA
- With what master did Cicero study rhetoric in Rhodes?
APOLLONIUS MOLO
- Where did Cicero spend parts of 58 and 57 BC in exile?
MACEDONIA
- II. 774 Translate the Latin sentence: Videre possum. I CAN SEE
- Using the same verbs, translate: "You can see, can't you?"
NONNE VIDERE POTES?
- Translate: "We think the soldiers can see the mountains."
PUTAMUS MILITES MONTES VIDERE POSSE.
- III. 1215 To what noun does the superlative adjective brevissima contract?
BRUMA
- What does the noun mean? WINTER
- What other noun is a synonym? HIEMS
- IV. 3276 What Greek widow was permitted three additional hours with her warrior husband after his death? LAODAMIA
- Who was her husband? PROTESILAUS
- What happened after the three hours?
SHE CHOSE TO ACCOMPANY HIM BACK TO THE UNDERWORLD
- V. 3435 Who was the mother of Orpheus? CALLIOPE
- What king of Thrace is sometimes cited as his father? OEAGRUS
- Where did Orpheus' severed head receive proper burial? LESBOS
- VI. 6044 What mad Roman emperor made his horse a consul, at least according to Suetonius? CALIGULA
- What was Caligula's real full name? GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR GERMANICUS
- What was the horse's name? INCITATUS
- VII. 1119 What case can show comparison? ABLATIVE
- The ablative of comparison can instead be used only when quam is followed by either of what two cases? NOMINATIVE AND ACCUSATIVE
- Translate: Hoc praemium est magis idoneum vobis quam eis.
THIS PRIZE IS MORE SUITABLE FOR Y'ALL THAN FOR THEM.

- VIII. 6019 Where did Pompey flee after his last defeat, only to be murdered there? EGYPT
- What marital alliance did he make with Julius Caesar?
POMPEY MARRIED CAESAR'S DAUGHTER JULIA (59-45 BC)
- Why had Pompey divorced his second wife Mucia?
FOR SUSPECTED ADULTERY WITH CAESAR - HIS NEXT FATHER-IN-LAW!
- IX. 5995 What god's temple sat on an island in the Tiber? AESCULAPIUS'
- In what form had the god himself picked the spot for the temple, according to legend? AS A SNAKE
- What event of 293 BC had occasioned the introduction of Aesculapius' worship into Rome? A PLAGUE
- X. 7861 What early Roman playwright was an emancipated African slave? TERENCE
- What was his full name? PUBLIUS TERENCE AFER
- Was he born earlier or later than Plautus? LATER
- XI. 827 What introductory conjunction would be needed to translate the of this sentence into Latin: "I am afraid that you're too late"? NE
- What introductory word would be needed for the subordinate clauses in these sentences:
"I think that you are too late." NONE
"I see what you're doing." QUID
- XII. 994 Translate into English: Utere tuo cerebro. USE YOUR BRAIN
- With a defective verb, translate into Latin: "Let us remember these men." HORUM HOMINUM MEMINERIMUS.
- Translate into Latin: "We will remember these things." HAEC MEMINERIMUS
- XIII. 7869 What tragedian died at Nero's request in 65 AD? SENECA THE YOUNGER
- Under what two emperors did Seneca serve the imperial family? CLAUDIUS AND NERO
- Name two of Seneca's tragedies. AGAMEMNON, HERCULES FURENS, HERCULES OETAeus, MEDEA, OEDIPUS, PHAEDRA, THE PHOENICIAN WOMEN, THYESTES, THE TROJAN WOMEN (but not OCTAVIA)
- XIV. 5933 Roman victory in what naval battle in 256 BC opened the way for the invasion of Africa? ECNOMUS

Who was the Roman commander? (M. ATILIUS) REGULUS
 What major Southern Italian city had he brought under Roman
 control in 267 BC? BRUNDISIUM

XV. What mythological couple were turned into sea birds?
 3327 CEYX AND HALCYONE

Who gave her husband a spear that always hit its target? PROCRIS
 Who was Procris' husband? CEPHALUS

XVI. Distinguish in meaning between luna and lana.
 1168 LUNA = MOON LANA = WOOL

Distinguish between pauper and piper.
 PAUPER = POOR PIPER = PEPPER
 Distinguish between torus and taurus.
 TORUS = BED, COUCH TAURUS = BULL

XVII. What is the third principal part of gradior? GRESSUS
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 What is the third part of nascor? NATUS
 What is the third part of nanciscor? NACTUS

XVIII. Give the nominative of the phrase "all the omens."
 1198 OMNIA OMINA

Make it dative. OMNIBUS OMINIBUS
 Make it genitive singular. OMNIS OMINIS

XIX. What work by Ovid tells us of the calendar? FASTI
 7817
 What work is a collection of love letters? THE HEROIDES
 What two works were written from exile?
 TRISTIA AND EPISTULAE EX PONTO

XX. In the Hesiodic account of creation, what was the very first
 3405 stage of the universe? CHAOS

Name two of Chaos' offspring, for 5 points each.
 GAEA, TARTARUS, EREBUS, NYX (and EROS)

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Round A3

- I. 1144 What part of your body is your calx? YOUR HEEL
What does calx mean at the circus? THE CHALK FINISH LINE
(not the same noun)
What diminutive of the second calx means something you might find under the first calx? CALCULUS = PEBBLE
- II. 7863 Who wrote the oldest surviving Latin prose work? CATO THE ELDER
What is its title? DE AGRI CULTURA or DE RE RUSTICA
What was the subject matter of his Origines? EARLY ROMAN HISTORY
- III. 917 What Greek vowel represented the long O of Latin? OMEGA
What was the short O? OMICRON
What two Greek vowels both became E in Latin, and what is the quantity of each? ETA = LONG E, EPSILON = SHORT E
- IV. 1123 What is the dative singular of metus? METUI
What is the ablative singular? METU
In poetry, what other case can metu be? DATIVE
- V. 6034 Who was assassinated by Cassius Chaerea? CALIGULA
What were the years of his reign? 37-41 AD
Who was his wife, murdered with him? MILONIA CAESONIA
- VI. 5934 In what year was Caesar made dictator for 10 years? 46 BC
When was he made dictator for life? 44
Who was appointed flamen dialis for the living Caesar? MARC ANTONY
- VII. 3442 Who gave noisemakers to Heracles so that he could scare the birds away from Lake Stympthalus? ATHENA
What queen of the Lydians did Heracles serve? OMPHALE
What thieving giant stole Heracles' cattle? CACUS
- VIII. 1184 What is the second person plural perfect active indicative of dico? DIXISTIS

- Change dixistis to subjunctive. DIXERITIS
 What is the same form of loquor? LOCUTI SITIS
- IX. What god has the epithets **Nomios**, "the pasturer," and **Psychopompus**?
 3406 HERMES
- What epithet identifies Hermes as Argus' killer? ARGEIPHONTES
 What duty does his epithet **Psychopompus** identify?
 GUIDE OF DEAD SOULS TO HADES
- X. In whose defense did Cicero deliver in 62 BC a speech which includes
 7858 a famous panegyric to literature? ARCHIAS'
- What city in southern Italy had granted citizenship to Archias?
 HERACLEA
 What noble Roman family was patron to Archias? THE METELLI
- XI. What did the Romans call the island of Malta? MELITA
 5930
- The Isle of Man? MONA
 The Isle of Capri? CAPREAE
- XII. Who died when a log placed on the fire by his mother burned up?
 3396 MELEAGER
- Why did she burn the log in anger? MELEAGER HAD KILLED HER BROTHERS
 What had Meleager quarreled with his uncles about?
 WHO SHOULD GET CREDIT FOR KILLING THE CALYDONIAN BOAR
- XIII. In writing footnotes, what abbreviation for what Latin phrase is
 905 used to indicate a previously mentioned book?
 OP. CIT. = OPERE CITATO
- What Latin phrase means "something indispensable"? SINE QUA NON
 What Latin abbreviation for what Latin phrase is found in
 dictionaries to refer you to another entry? Q.V. = QUOD VIDE
- XIV. What was the Latin name for the southwest wind? AFRICUS
 1172
- The southeast? EURUS
 The south? NOTUS
- XV. Fac sonum leonis. ROAR
 1150
- Fac sonum lupi. HOWL
 Fac sonum pulli. CLUCK or COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO

XVI. What author was granted amnesty after fighting on the losing side
7868 at Philippi and went on to write his Odes and Satires?
HORACE

Who was Horace's literary patron? MAECENAS
Which of them died first? MAECENAS

XVII. What Latin verb is the root of "ablative"? AUFERO
1118

What verb is the root of "genitive"?	GIGNO
What verb is the root of "dative"?	DO

XVIII. Where was Rome's official mint? THE TEMPLE OF JUNO MONETA
5990

In whose temple was the main aerarium? THE TEMPLE OF SATURN
What record building stood next door? THE TABULARIUM

XIX. What Amazon queen aided the Trojans during the Trojan War?
3242 PENTHESILEA

What hero killed her? ACHILLES
What son of Aurora and king of Ethiopia was a Trojan ally? MEMNON

XX. The English word "sophomore" comes from the Greek for "wise fool;"
7826 of what literary device is that an example? OXYMORON

What is the conscious use of an outdated grammatical form?
ARCHAISM

What is the use of more words than necessary ? PLEONASM

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Round A10

- I. What newly named prefect of Judaea arrived there in 26 AD?
5921 PONTIUS PILATE
- What did he do from the outset that offended the Jews?
BROUGHT IMAGES OF THE EMPEROR INTO THE HOLY CITY JERUSALEM
When was he recalled to Rome? 36 AD
- II. What fourth-century AD Roman Spaniard was the greatest Christian
7825 poet? PRUDENTIUS (AURELIUS CLEMENS PRUDENTIUS)
- What Christian philosopher was in old age the tutor to
Constantine's son? LACTANTIUS
Because of the nature and number of his works, Lactantius was
given what nickname by later ages? THE CHRISTIAN CICERO
- III. When you get one thing in lieu of another, what Latin noun does
1175 "lieu" go back to? LOCUS
- What military rank is a placeholder? LIEUTENANT
What vehicle's name tells you it moves from place to place?
LOCOMOTIVE
- IV. What early author was a participant in the First Punic War
7867 and wrote a lost epic about it? NAEVIUS
- Naeivius pioneered the writing of original tragedies on Roman
historical material. What are such plays called?
FABULAE PRAETEXTAE
What noble family was offended by references to them in his
plays, and perhaps had him exiled? THE METELLI
- V. What do fore and nosse have in common? THEY ARE CONTRACTED INFINITIVES
1158
- What is the expanded form of fore? FUTURUM ESSE
Of nosse? NOVISSE
- VI. When a piece of parchment, a valuable item in the ancient world, is
7831 scraped clean and reused, what is the result called? PALIMPSEST
- What animal's hide was used for parchment? SHEEP
What ancient city gives us the word "parchment"? PERGAMUM
- VII. What lover of Phaethon so mourned for his lost one that he was
3407 transformed into a beautiful bird? CYCNUS

Another Cycnus, a son of Ares and a far less gentle soul, was killed by what hero? HERACLES
 Still another Cycnus, an ally of Troy, was made invulnerable to human weapons by his father Poseidon. How did Achilles kill him? STRANGLED HIM

VIII. 1152 What element has a Greek name meaning "light-bearing"? PHOSPHORUS

What is the exact Latin equivalent of the Greek word? LUCIFER
 Name five elements named for figures from classical mythology. CADMIUM, CERIUM, IRIDIUM, MERCURY, NEPTUNIUM, NIOBIUM, PALLADIUM, PLUTONIUM, PROMETHEUM, SELENIUM, TANTALUM, TELLURIUM, TITANIUM, URANIUM.

IX. 5944 The Ister was an ancient name for part of what great river? DANUBE

What was the ancient name for the body of water fed by the Danube? PONTUS EUXINUS
 What do we call the Euxine today? THE BLACK SEA

X. 1124 Fac sonum colubris. HISS

Fac sonum apis. BUZZ
 Fac sonum ostreae. OYSTERS ARE SILENT.

XI. 1192 What part of Roman life does the Latin phrase ab ovis ad mala bring to mind? A MEAL

Ova, eggs, would be part of an appetizer course called what? GUSTUS or GUSTATIO
 Mala, apples, would be part of dessert, called what? SECUNDA MENSA

XII. 3428 What was Eurystheus' reaction when Heracles brought him the skin of the Nemean Lion? HE HID IN A STORAGE JAR

Humiliated by this experience, Eurystheus thereafter used whom to communicate with Heracles? HIS UNCLE COPREUS
 What son of Heracles, in some sources, killed Eurystheus? HYLLUS

XIII. 3434 What god's epithets included Agyieus, Smintheus, Nomios and Lycius? APOLLO'S

Who was Apollo's son by Creusa? ION
 What husband of Creusa later adopted Ion? XUTHUS

XIV. 3431 What two sons avenged their mother's cruel treatment by tying her tormentor to the horns of a bull? ZEPHUS AND AMPHION

- Who was their mother? ANTIOPE
Who was her tormentor? DIRCE
- XV. Distinguish in meaning among *vultus*, *vulgus* and *vulnus*.
1078 VULTUS = FACE VULGUS = MOB VULNUS = WOUND
- How many declensions do they represent? THREE
Give the genitive singular of each.
VULTUS, VULTUS VULGUS, VULGI VULNUS, VULNERIS
- XVI. What is the second person singular active present indicative
1181 of *precor*? PRECARIS
- Of *patior*? PATERIS
Of *potior*? POTIRIS
- XVII. "Marcus came to see the games." Using a finite verb form,
1199 translate the purpose clause. UT LUDOS VIDERET
- Make that a supine purpose clause. LUDOS VISUM
Make that a gerundive purpose clause.
AD LUDOS VIDENDOS CAUSA/GRATIA LUDORUM VIDENDORUM
- XVIII. For what year was Octavian made consul suffectus? 43 BC
5962
- Who else was consul suffectus that year? PEDIUS
What two consul for 43 had died? HIRTIUS AND PANSA
- XIX. What kind of myth is etiological?
7837 ONE THAT PROVIDES CAUSES FOR OR EXPLAINS SOMETHING
- What Greek poet wrote *Aitia*? CALLIMACHUS
With what pupil did Callimachus have a protracted and
bitter literary argument? APOLLONIUS OF RHODES
- XX. What was a Roman bath's equivalent of a locker room? APODYTERIUM
5959
- What was a *natatio*? SWIMMING POOL
What was their version of a sauna? CALDARIUM or LACONICA

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Round A100

- I. What Latin word used in scholarly English writing is
735 abbreviated sc? SCILICET
- Of what is scilicet a contraction? SCIRE LICET
What is the abbreviation for videlicet? VIZ.
- II. What water nymph witnessed Persephone's abduction, but melted
3384 from weeping before she could tell Demeter? CYANE
- What dark goddess first told Demeter some of the story? HECATE
What god did Hecate refer Demeter to for the rest? HELIOS
- III. Around whose pre-existing heart did the baby Dionysus form?
3385 ZAGREUS'
- Who was Zagreus' mother, pregnant by Zeus? PERSEPHONE
Who were the killers of Zagreus? THE TITANS
- IV. What title is given to the collection of poems ascribed by
7840 ancient editors to Vergil? APPENDIX VERGILIANA
- Which poem is about an insect? THE CULEX
Which is about a farmer's breakfast? MORETUM
- V. What order is a Roman giving you if he says the name of the
1201 Caribbean's largest island? LIE DOWN, RECLINE
- What English derivative of that same verb means a mistress or
courtesan? CONCUBINE
What Latin noun for a part of the body comes from the same root?
CUBITUS = ELBOW
- VI. Who was the first widow in mythology to remarry? GORGOPHONE
3401
- Who was her first husband? PERIERES
Who was her second? OEBALUS
- VII. Distinguish by part of speech between veteris and veteris.
1106 VETERIS = ADJECTIVE VETERIS = VERB
- Give the principal parts of the verb. VETO, VETARE, VETUI, VETITUS
Give the adjective in all three degrees.
VETUS, VETUSTIOR, VETERRIMUS (VETUSTISSIMUS)

- VIII. 5922 What emperor is forever denigrated by a Roman historian's perceptive remark: "In everyone's opinion capable of ruling - except that he ruled"? GALBA
- Who wrote that? TACITUS
What legate of Gallia Lugdunensis persuaded Galba to let himself be elevated by parts of the army? VINDEKS
- IX. 5937 To what city did Tarquinius Superbus first flee upon his expulsion from Rome? CAERE
- What son-in-law of Tarquinius led the Latins against the Romans at the Battle of Lake Regillus? MAMILIUS OCTAVIUS
What tyrant of Cumae provided Tarquinius' last asylum? ARISTODEMUS
- X. 1195 A famous mythological character could be described as luscus. What does that mean? ONE-EYED
- What does fuscus mean? TAWNY, SWARTHY
What does Tuscus mean? TUSCAN, ETRUSCAN
- XI. 5936 Name an emperor who visited Britain during his reign. CONSTANS, SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS, CLAUDIUS, HADRIAN, CONSTANTIUS CHLORUS, CONSTANTINE
- Name another.
Name another.
- XII. 7819 In honor of a work commissioned by the Sibylline Books, what temple was in 207 BC set aside for writers and actors to meet and make dedications? THE TEMPLE OF MINERVA (ON THE AVENTINE)
- Who was the author of this work? LIVIUS ANDRONICUS
In what genre had he already distinguished himself? DRAMA (TRAGEDY)
- XIII. 1189 What Latin word is the basic root of the English word "germ"? GIGNO
- What Latin noun formed from gigno is the closer root of "germ"? GERMEN, GERMINIS N
What English adjective meaning "kin" or "pertinent" has the same root? GERMANE
- XIV. 1186 Translate the English prepositional phrase into proper Latin: "The soldiers carried their provisions with them." SECUM
- Translate "him": "Caesar ordered his soldiers to obey him." SIBI
What verb would follow if that Latin sentence began: Caesar militibus...? IMPERAVIT

- XV. Who were the Argo's crew members endowed with the powers of
3441 prophecy? IDMON AND MOPSUS
- What kind of animal killed Idmon? A BOAR
 What kind of animal killed Mopsus? A SNAKE
- XVI. What tense of *sum*'s subjunctive is the alternate form *forem*?
1171 IMPERFECT
- What tense of the subjunctive is *fuat*? PRESENT
 What tense of the indicative is *escunt*? FUTURE
- XVII. What Roman scholar of the Augustan period wrote several important
7820 reference works, including perhaps Rome's first dictionary,
 entitled De significatu verborum? VERRIUS FLACCUS
- What service did he perform in the imperial household?
 TUTOR TO AUGUSTUS' GRANDCHILDREN
 What writer of the previous generation, author of De lingua latina
 in 25 books, authored at least 55 works and edited at least 490?
 VARRO (MARCUS TERENCEIUS VARRO)
- XVIII. What nephew of Aristotle accompanied Alexander as his expedition's
7822 historian? CALLISTHENES
- How did Callisthenes meet his death in 327 BC?
 EXECUTED FOR ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST ALEXANDER
 Whom did he cite as Alexander's father? ZEUS
- XIX. *Tege nasum manu dextra.* STUDENT SHOULD COVER NOSE WITH RIGHT HAND.
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- Oculis clausis, tege ambas aures manibus contraposis.* WITH EYES
 CLOSED, STUDENT SHOULD COVER BOTH EARS WITH OPPOSITE HANDS.
 Latra et plaude velut phoca. STUDENT MUST BARK AND CLAP LIKE A SEAL.
- XX. From ships' prows captured in what battle did the Rostra first
5938 get its name? ANTIUM
- What was the year of that battle? 338 BC
 Who were the foe? THE VOLSCI (or PIRATES)