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ROUND A1

I. 81 What animal raised Atalanta as a small girl? SHE-BEAR

2886 02  
TU What Thracian king owned man-eating mares? DIOMEDES  
What animal ravaged Calydon? BOAR

II. 7536 Give the full Latin title of the book which begins: Gallia  
est omnis divisa in partes tres.

COMMENTARIII DE BELLO GALLICO

Give the full name of the author. GAIUS JULIUS CAESAR  
How many books are in the work? EIGHT

III. 3092 What son of Pelias and first cousin of Jason sailed with  
the Argonauts against Pelias' wishes? ACASTUS

What action did Acastus take after his father was killed  
by Medea? HE DROVE MEDEA AND JASON FROM IOLCUS  
Who was unjustly accused of rape by Astydamia, Acastus'  
wife? PELEUS

IV. 7562 Name the trusted friend and advisor of Augustus who was  
also Vergil's patron. MAECENAS

What was the meter Vergil used to write the Aeneid?  
DACTYLIC HEXAMETER  
How many books are in the Aeneid? TWELVE

V. 970 From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we get the English  
verb "intimidate"? TIMERE, FEAR

From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we get  
the English noun "levity"? LEVIS, LIGHT  
From what Latin verb, with what meaning, do we get the English  
adjective "tangible"? TANGERE, TOUCH

VI. 7615 What is Aeneas looking at when he says sunt lacrimae rerum?  
THE FRIEZE ON THE TEMPLE OF JUNO IN CARTHAGE

On that frieze, whom does he see being dragged backwards  
by his chariot, held to it by the reins? TROILUS  
Also on that frieze, whose snowy-white tents are being  
invaded by Diomedes? RHESUS'

VII. 2142 What type of dative occurs in the following sentence:  
Unus frater et una soror mihi sunt. DATIVE OF POSSESSION

What two types of dative occur in this sentence: Socii  
equites auxilio Romanis praemiserunt? DATIVE OF PURPOSE  
(AUXILIO) AND DATIVE OF REFERENCE (ROMANIS) - DOUBLE DATIVE  
What type of dative occurs here: Servus domino servire  
bene debet. DATIVE WITH SPECIAL VERB

VIII. 2548 What did Achilles have in common with Aeneas, Peleus, Heracles,  
Jason and Aesculapius? ALL WERE STUDENTS OF CHIRON

Under what name did Achilles hide in the court of Lycomedes? PYRRHA  
What maiden there became the mother of his son Pyrrhus? DEIDAMIA

IX. 1020 What is the ablative singular of the phrase "good soldier"?

BONO MILITE  
What is the ablative singular of the phrase "better soldier"?  
MELIORE MILITE  
"Best soldier"? OPTIMO MILITE

- X. What is the Latin word for "bronze"? AES  
 603 What idiomatic phrase means "debt"? AES ALIENUM  
 What is the ablative singular of the phrase? AERE ALIENO
- XI. Translate into Latin the relative pronoun in this sentence:  
 895 "I don't see the girl to whom I gave the money." CUI  
 Same instructions in these sentences:  
 "I know the girls whose books you borrowed." QUARUM  
 "Who are those boys with whom you were walking?" QUIBUSCUM
- XII. Where were the following: Lethe, Styx, Phelegethon? HADES (UNDERWORLD)  
 3156 Who was the ferryman of the dead? CHARON  
 Who was the three-headed guard dog? CERBERUS
- XIII. Translate into Latin: "Let us resist the soldiers of Hannibal."  
 962 MILITIBUS HANNIBALIS RESISTAMUS  
 Translate into English: Pedites pedem rettulerunt ne caperentur.  
 THE INFANTRY RETREATED LEST THEY BE CAPTURED.  
 Flumen est tam latum ut non transire conati simus.  
 THE RIVER IS SO WIDE THAT WE HAVEN'T TRIED TO CROSS IT.
- XIV. Who had been emperor at least 17 years before ever setting  
 5752 foot in Rome? DIOCLETIAN  
 To what city did Diocletian retire? SALONA (SPLIT, Yugoslavia)  
 Under Diocletian's reorganization, several provinces were  
 grouped together into a diocese. What civilian official  
 commanded a diocese? VICARIUS
- XV. What two sets of brothers fought in a war between Rome and  
 5033 Alba Longa? THE ROMAN HORATII AND THE ALBAN CURIATII  
 Why did Horatia, the sister of the Roman brothers, grieve  
 when she learned that her brothers were victorious? BECAUSE  
 SHE WAS BETROTHED TO ONE OF THE CURIATII  
 What was the reaction to her grief of her one surviving  
 brother? HE KILLED HER
- XVI. Who in Roman history is reported to have said that he found  
 5352 Rome a city of brick and left it a city of marble? AUGUSTUS  
 When did Augustus die? 14 AD  
 Who was Rome's first Christian emperor? CONSTANTINE  
~~Who was Rome's last emperor? ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS~~
- XVII. What is the dative plural of virtus? VIRTUTIBUS  
 401 What is the dative singular of usus? USUI  
 What is the dative plural of exercitus? EXERCITIBUS
- XVIII. From what work is the cena Trimalchionis? THE SATYRICON (OF PETRONIUS)  
 2584 Who is the hero of Apuleius' metamorphoses, also known as  
 The golden Ass? LUCIUS  
 What love story of mythology takes up almost three of the  
 eleven books of Apuleius' Metamorphoses? CUPID AND PSYCHE
- XIX. What was the occupation of a fullo? DRY-CLEANER, (cloth-)fuller  
 720 Of a fur? THIEF  
 Of a chirurgus? SURGEON

XX. Who was invited from Greece to help the people of Tarentum  
against the Romans? PYRRHUS

5087 What strategy did Pyrrhus have in common with Hannibal?  
WAR ELEPHANTS

What later foes of Rome used blue war paint and fought from  
war chariots? THE BRITONS (Picts)

## ROUND A2

I. How long was Helen married to Paris? NINETEEN YEARS

2521 According to Homer, what did Menelaus do to Helen after the Greeks captured Troy? FORGAVE HER AND TOOK HER HOME  
Who were Helen's parents? ZEUS AND LEDA (or NEMESIS)

II. Who was Ovid's patron? MESSALA CORVINUS

757102 What was Ovid's longest work? THE METAMORPHOSES  
In how many books? FIFTEEN

III. What determines the number and gender of a relative pronoun?  
ITS ANTECEDENT

104 What determines its case? ITS USE IN ITS OWN CLAUSE  
Give the Latin words and their meanings which give us the word "antecedent." ANTE= BEFORE CEDERE=GO

IV. Where was Cicero's birthplace? ARPINUM

7704 What was his full date of birth? JANUARY 3, 106 BC  
What was his first case in the courts? PRO QUINCTIO

V. What is the second person singular present active indicative of fero? FERS

435 Change fers to plural. FERTIS  
Change fers to passive. FERRIS

VI. Who was the author of the Mostellaria and the Casina?  
PLAUTUS

7509 Who was the author of the Phormio and the Adelphoe? TERENCE  
Who was the author of the Thyestes and the Hercules Furens?  
SENECA THE YOUNGER

VII. What kind of verbs are utor, fungor and moror? DEPONENT

239 Utor and fungor take the ablative. For five points each, name two others which also take the ablative. FRUOR, VESCOR, POTIOR

VIII. What was the year of Caesar's birth? 100 or 102 BC

5269 Where did Caesar's partisans fight two major battles against the forces of his assassins? PHILIPPI  
What two men led the Caesarian forces? OCTAVIAN AND ANTONY

IX. What creature sprang forth from the blood of Medusa? PEGASUS

2837 Who tamed Pegasus? BELLEROPHON  
What deity helped Bellerophon capture Pegasus? ATHENA

X. All the prophecies of the future of Rome were contained in what books acquired by King Tarquinius Priscus?  
THE SIBYLLINE BOOKS

5031 What happened to them in 83 BC? THEY WERE LOST IN A FIRE  
Where were they stored? TEMPLE OF JUPITER CAPITOLINUS (OR OPT. MAX.)

XI. Which Roman emperor bore the full name Gaius Julius Caesar Germanicus, but was better known by a childhood nickname? CALIGULA

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XI continued

What Roman emperor liked to call himself Hercules? COMMODUS  
What Roman emperor made a trip to Greece to compete in games and singing contests? NERO

XII. In a Roman house, what was the arca? SAFE OR STRONGBOX

554 What was the lararium? SHRINE TO LARES, HOUSEHOLD GODS  
What were the two sets of household gods? LARES AND PENATES

XIII. Say in Latin "a six-foot wall." MURUS SEX PEDUM

762 Say "for six feet." SEX PEDES  
Say "in the sixth month." SEXTO MENSE

XIV. Give the second person plural imperfect subjunctive of vereor. VEREREMINI

622 Give the first person singular imperfect passive subjunctive of facio. FIEREM

Give the second person singular imperfect subjunctive of volo wish. VELLIS

XV. What was the Latin name for the largest river in Gaul, now known as the Loire? THE LIGER

5740 What was the Latin name for Lake Geneva? LACUS LEMANNUS  
What was the Latin name for the city of Paris? LUTETIA

XVI. How do you say "one mile" in Latin? MILLE PASSUS

582 What is the literal translation of mille passus? 1000 STEPS/PACES  
How do you say "ten miles"? DECEM MILIA PASSUUM

XVII. Quot aures tibi sunt? DUAE

856 Quot iecora habes? UNUM  
Quot pulmones tibi sunt? DUO

XVIII. What character in the Aeneid speaks the line Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit? AENEAS

7612 Whom is he addressing? HIS MEN  
Who says Tros Tyriusque mihi nullo discrimine agetur? DIDO

XIX. Which of the gods is referred to as the "cloud gatherer"? ZEUS/JUPITER

2753 What is his name as the <sup>Roman</sup>god of rain? <sup>JUPITER</sup>JUPITER PLUVIUS  
What is his name as the wielder of the thunderbolt? IUPPITER TONANS

XX. Who was changed into a spider by an angry Minerva? ARACHNE

27152 Who was turned into a laurel tree? Daphne  
~~What creature is half man and half horse? CENTAUR~~  
Who were the one-eyed giants? CYCLOPES

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ROUND A3

- I. Translate the sentence "They will try." TEMPTABUNT (CONABUNTUR)  
 845 We have attacked. OPPUGNAVIMUS *impetum fecimus*  
 They have stood. STETERUNT
- II. Who was the queen of Hades? PROSERPINA/PERSEPHONE  
 2580<sup>a</sup> Name the area of Hades where evil souls were tormented. TARTARUS  
 Where did good souls spend eternity in bliss? THE ELYSIAN FIELDS
- III. Who founded the city of Thebes? CADMUS  
 2885 How did he decide where to put his city? HE WAS TOLD BY  
 THE DELPHIC ORACLE TO FOLLOW A CERTAIN COW UNTIL SHE LAY DOWN.  
 What Phoenician invention did Cadmus bring into the Greek  
 world? THE ALPHABET
- IV. Who was the last emperor of the Western Empire? ROMULUS AUGUSTULUS  
 5406 When was he deposed? 476 AD  
 Who deposed him? ODOACER
- V. We more commonly give what title to the epic poem Bellum  
 7677 Civile? THE PHARSALIA  
 Who was the author? LUCAN  
 What other author was Lucan's uncle? SENECA THE YOUNGER
- VI. What was the chief priest in Rome called? PONTIFEX MAXIMUS  
 5159 Why was the priest called a pontifex? BECAUSE ONE OF THE  
 ORIGINAL FUNCTIONS WAS SUPERVISION OF THE PONS SUBLICIVUS *is this one?*  
 The Pons Sublicivus united Rome with the hill that formed  
 the Roman outpost against the Etruscans. What was that  
 hill? THE JANICULUM
- VII. What son of a god was armor-bearer for Heracles? ABDERUS  
 3103 Who was Abderus' father? HERMES/MERCURY  
 How did Abderus die? HE WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF THE MARES  
 OF DIOMEDES AND WAS EATEN BY THEM
- VIII. What is the perfect active infinitive of sto? STETISSE  
 411 *+try another vb*  
 Of moneo? MONUISSE  
 Of maneo? MANSISSE
- IX. Who wrote the De Rerum Natura? LUCRETIVS  
 7502 What philosophy did he follow? EPICUREANISM  
 How many books are in his epic? SIX
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 5281 THE ALLOBROGES  
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- I. What was the profession of Machaon and Podalirius? PHYSICIANS  
 2505 Who was their father? AESCULAPIUS/ASCLEPIUS  
 Who was Ophiuchus? ASCLEPIUS AS THE CONSTELLATION "SNAKE-HOLDER"
- II. What is the number, long since archaic by the classical period, which lies between singular and plural? THE DUAL  
 192 What two Latin adjectives <sup>ive</sup> preserve the dual endings? AMBO AND DUO  
 Name a first declension noun which uses -abus instead of -is in the dative and ablative plural. DEA, FILIA, EQUA, LIBERTA
- III. What was the name for the state treasury in Rome? THE AERARIUM  
 5150 In what temple was the state treasury found? THE TEMPLE OF SATURN  
 In what temple was the Roman mint? THE TEMPLE OF JUNO MONETA
- IV. Translate "weapons" in this sentence: "Roman soldiers used their weapons well." ARMIS (or TELIS)  
 82 What use of the ablative do you find in this sentence:  
Caesar a Romanis interfectus est? ABLATIVE OF AGENT  
Caesar pugionibus interfectus est? ABLATIVE OF MEANS
- V. What battle ended the Second Macedonian War? CYNOCEPHALAE  
 5509 Who was the Roman commander? (T. QUINCTIUS) FLAMININUS  
 What was the year of the battle? 197 BC
- VI. To fetch what did Heracles travel to Hades? CERBERUS  
 3181 To fetch what did Psyche travel to Hades? PERSEPHONE'S BEAUTY  
 What did Aeneas have to find to gain admittance to Hades?  
 THE GOLDEN BOUGH (*Misenus' body*)
- VII. With what curse did a jealous Pasiphae afflict Minos?  
 ANY WOMAN HE SLEPT WITH WAS POISONED  
 3017 How did Pasiphae come by her witchcraft? SHE WAS DAUGHTER  
 OF HELIOS, SISTER OF CIRCE, AUNT OF MEDEA  
 Who cured Minos of this unpleasantness? PROCRIS
- VIII. What is the ablative gerund of do? DANDO  
 731 What is the genitive gerund of eo? EUNDI  
 The accusative gerund of dormio? DORMIENDUM
- IX. When the reader finally meets Odysseus in the Odyssey, where is he? ON CALYPSO'S ISLAND (*OGYGIA*) *need name*  
 7642 Who is sent to convince Calypso to let Odysseus go? HERMES  
 Who entreats Zeus to send Hermes? ATHENA
- X. What emphatic ending can be suffixed to personal pronouns? -MET  
 1007 What is the poetic variant for quibus? QUIBVS  
 To what prose form is the poetic mi equivalent? MIHI  
*pronoun*
- XI. What name is given to the deified Romulus? QUIRINUS  
 5497 Who was the shepherd who cared for the twins? FAUSTULUS  
 Who was Faustulus' wife? (*ACCA*) LARENTIA *or Larentina*

XII. What years marked the beginning and end of the Peloponnesian War? 431 - 404 BC

5582 "Peloponnesian" is perhaps a misnomer, since the war involved virtually all of Greece plus a naval expedition where? SICILY  
What Athenian pushed for and then led the expedition to Sicily? ALCIBIADES

XIII. Whom did Aeneas marry in Italy? LAVINIA

2590 What region of Italy did they inhabit? LATIUM  
Who was Lavinia's father? KING LATINUS

XIV. What <sup>literary</sup> device is in use when Cupid is called amor or <sup>when</sup> ivory is called elephantus? METONYMY

7630 What is the name for the repetition of copulative conjunctions? POLYSYNDETON  
What is the name for the omission of them? ASYNDETON

XV. Say in Latin: "Marcus, where are you going?" MARCE, QUO IS?

25 Say: "Marcus, where are you?" MARCE, UBI ES?  
Say: "Marcus, where are you coming from?" MARCE, UNDE VENIS?

XVI. Which of these <sup>can be</sup> is a synonym for ensis: sagitta, <sup>ferrum</sup> gladius, ignis, pharetra? ~~GLADIUS~~ FERRUM

998 Which of these is a synonym for scutum: tropaeum, clipeus, pilus, crista? CLIPEUS

Which of these is a synonym for sileo: quaero, requiro, queror, taceo? TACEO

XVII. Which of the following does not come from amicus: amicable, amiable, enamel, inimical? ENAMEL

1582 What is the meaning of the Latin word which has become the English word "addendum"? SOMETHING WHICH MUST BE ADDED

What is the meaning of the Latin word which is now the English word "agenda"? THINGS WHICH MUST BE DONE

XVIII. What work by Cicero contains the somnium Scipionis? THE DE RE PUBLICA  
7512 ~~What lawyer of ancient Rome was Cicero's arch rival?~~  
~~Who was the other great orator of Cicero's day?~~ HORTENSIUS  
At whom did Cicero direct his Philippic orations? MARC ANTONY

XIX. Who was the second-century AD author of the Noctes Atticae? (AULUS) GELLIUS

7710 How many books are in this work? TWENTY  
What was his stated purpose in assembling these musings on a wide variety of topics? TO AMUSE AND INSTRUCT HIS CHILDREN

XX. At a Roman meal, what was a gustatio? AN APPETIZER

10294 Which of these is not a synonym for gustatio: gustus, promulsis, poculum? POCULUM  
What was the dessert course called? SECUNDA MENSA

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- I. What third-century BC Latin poet, a Greek slave from Tarentum,, wrote the first Latin epic, the Odissia, a translation of the Odyssey? LIVIUS ANDRONICUS

What Roman during that same period wrote the Annals and is regarded as the "father of Latin poetry"? Q. ENNIUS  
What Latin writers, during that same period, were adapting and imitating Greek comedy? PLAUTUS AND TERENCE

- II. What Latin adverb is the root of the English verb "reiterate"? ITERUM

What Latin verb is the root of the English noun "juncture"? IUNGO  
What Latin noun is the root of the English adjective "urbane"? URBS

- III. What is the locative of domus? DOMI

What is the locative of humus? HUMI  
What does humi mean? ON THE GROUND

- IV. Who was killed in 53 BC at Carrhae fighting against the Parthians? CRASSUS

Who was planning to avenge Crassus' defeat and death when he himself was killed? JULIUS CAESAR  
Who had assumed the offensive against the Parthians when Octavian attacked him? MARC ANTONY

- V. What category of verbs includes audeo and gaudeo? SEMI-DEPONENT

Give the perfect infinitive for audeo. AUSUS ESSE  
Give the future infinitive for gaudeo. GAVISURUS ESSE

- VI. To whom did Priam send his son Polydorus, only for the host to turn on his guest and murder him? POLYMNESTOR (or POLYMESTOR)

How did Hecuba avenge Polydorus?  
SHE KILLED POLYMNESTOR'S CHILDREN AND BLINDED HIM  
Who was Polymnestor's wife? ILIONE, A DAUGHTER OF PRIAM

- VII. What natural pair is domus et hortus? <sup>Home</sup> HOUSE AND GARDEN

Agentes et latrones? COPS AND ROBBERS  
Avēs et apes? THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

- VIII. What Greek philosopher taught by asking questions? SOCRATES

Who was the teacher of Alexander the Great? ARISTOTLE  
Who Greek philosopher wrote the Republic? PLATO

- IX. <sup>To what city</sup> ~~Where~~ did Honorius move the western capital ~~to~~? RAVENNA

What emperor had made it the seat of the Adriatic fleet? AUGUSTUS  
What aptly named suburb <sup>of Ravenna</sup> was the site of the harbor? CLASSIS

- X. What type of subordinate clause might follow a word like talīs or tantus? RESULT

What is the negative introduction of a result clause? UT NON  
What is the negative introduction of a purpose clause? NE

XI. The year of Caesar's first consulship saw the birth of what other Augustan-age writer in Patavium? LIVY

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What Roman during that same period wrote the Annals and is regarded as the "father of Latin poetry"? Q. ENNIUS  
What Latin writers, during that same period, were adapting and imitating Greek comedy? PLAUTUS AND TERENCE

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What Latin verb is the root of the English noun "junction"? IUNGO  
What Latin noun is the root of the English adjective "urbane"? URBS

- III. What is the locative of domus? DOMI

What is the locative of humus? HUMI  
What does humi mean? ON THE GROUND

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- VII. What natural pair is domus et hortus? HOUSE AND GARDEN

Agentes et latrones? COPS AND ROBBERS  
Avēs et apes? THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

- VIII. What Greek philosopher taught by asking questions? SOCRATES

Who was the teacher of Alexander the Great? ARISTOTLE  
Who Greek philosopher wrote the Republic? PLATO

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7579 What was Ovid's Latin phrase for the reason for his exile?  
CARMEN ET ERROR  
Which of his poems is a didactic poem on cosmetics and skin care? MEDICAMINA FACIEI FEMINEAE
- II. Who was the mortal half-brother of Heracles? IPHICLES  
2641 What was miraculous about the night Heracles was conceived?  
ZEUS MADE IT LAST THREE TIMES LONGER THAN NORMAL  
Why did Hera cause Heracles to be born a few minutes after Eurystheus? ZEUS HAD DECREED THAT THE FIRST-BORN MALE OF THAT DAY WOULD RULE THE DESCENDANTS OF PERSEUS
- III. What tense of the subjunctive is required for a past contrary-to-fact condition? PLUPERFECT  
336x Translate to English: Si hoc facilius esset, laetior essem.  
IF THIS WERE EASIER, I'D BE HAPPIER.  
Translate to English: Nisi heri vicissemus, hodie non certassemus  
IF WE HADN'T WON YESTERDAY, WE WOULDN'T BE PLAYING CERTAMEN TODAY.
- IV. Who were the two Aeduan brothers with whom Caesar had dealings in the first book of his Gallic War? DUMNORIX AND DIVIACUS  
5328 What was the nationality of the chieftain Orgetorix? HELVETIAN  
What was the nationality of Vercingetorix? ARVERNIAN
- V. Where in Rome would you see the following: meta, spina, aurigae, currus, equi? AT THE CIRCUS  
5683 What were the four colors of the racing factions?  
RED, WHITE, BLUE, GREEN  
What colors were added by Domitian? PURPLE AND GOLD
- VI. Which emperor opened the ranks of the Praetorian Guard to provincials? SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS  
5549 With whom did Septimius Severus affiliate himself by an act of "reverse" adoption? MARCUS AURELIUS  
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HIS SONS CARACALLA AND GETA
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1017 Give the Latin verb root and its meaning for "money."  
MONERE, WARN  
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MENS, MIND
- VIII. Give the principal parts of the verb which is contained in the nouns caelicola, incola and agricola.  
625 COLO, COLERE, COLUI, CULTUS  
What is a caelicola? HEAVEN-DWELLER, GOD  
What English derivative of colo means "hidden" or "secret"? OCCULT
- IX. Who was the mother of Helen? LEDA (or NEMESIS)  
2785 In what guise did Zeus visit Leda? AS A SWAN  
Who was Leda's mortal husband? TYNDAREUS



X. Give the nominative singular of the phrase "a similar wound."  
VULNUS SIMILE

1009 Change that phrase to the genitive plural. VULNERUM SIMILIMUM  
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271 What is its comparative? CARIOR  
What is its positive adverb? CARE

7655x XIII. Aristophanes was a prolific writer of Greek comedy. Which  
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As Nubes? THE CLOUDS  
As Ranae? THE FROGS

XIV. What Roman praenomen does C. stand for? GAIUS

176 Cn? GNAEUS  
T? TITUS

XV. Who wrote a lost oratorical work called the Anticato? Julius Caesar  
rebuttal to Cicero's panegyric to Cato?  
7524 What was the title of this rebuttal? Anticato (Anticatores)  
Who wrote the eighth book of Caesar's Gallic War? Aulus Hirtius  
How many books are in Caesar's De Bello Civili? THREE  
playwright did Caesar write a tribute? TERENCE  
To what earlier

604 XVI. Although both mean "helmet," galea and cassis in strict  
terminology distinguish the materials they were made from.  
What was a cassis made from? METAL (USUALLY BRONZE)  
What was a galea made from? LEATHER  
TV? What was a soldier's sagum made from? CLOTH  
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How many were in Asia? THREE  
Which were in Africa? THE PYRAMIDS AND THE PHAROS AT ALEXANDRIA

7596 XIX. From whose letters do we hear first-hand about the eruption  
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In what year was this eruption? 79 AD  
Name two cities buried besides POMPEII, HERCULANEUM, STABIAE

3195 XX. Who were the three sons of Zeus and Europa? MINOS, SARPEDON, RHADAMANTHUS  
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meto *meto?*

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