

2018 VJCL Latin Oratory

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Level ½ and One:

Based on Cicero, *Prō Milōne*, XXXVII, 101

Hae lacrimae Milōnem nōn movent.

These tears do not move Milo.

Incrēdibilem rōborem animi habet.

He has an unbelievable strength of mind.

Nisi locus est virtūtī, ibi exsilium esse putat.

If there is no place for virtue, that place he considered to be exile.

Mors est nātūrae finis, nōn poena.

Death is the end of nature, not a punishment.

Sīc semper eā mente fuit.

He has always been of this opinion.

Quid vōs, iūdicēs?

What about you, judges?

Quō tandem animō eritis?

Of what mind, pray tell, will you be?

Memoriam Milōnis retinēbitis, ipsum ēiciētis?

Will you retain Milo's memory, but take Milo himself?

Et erit dignior ūllus locus in terrīs

And will there be any more worthy place on earth

quī hanc virtūtem excipiat

which would welcome his virtue

quam hic quī prōcreāvit?

than this one, which produced him?

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Advanced Level

Tacitus, Agricola, 30 (abridged)

The British chieftain Calgacus addresses his people in anticipation of a Roman invasion.

"Quotiēns causās bellī et necessitātem nostram intueor,

“As often as I survey the causes of this war and our current problems,

magnus mihi animus est

I have a great spirit

hodiernum diem cōsēsumque vestrum

that today and your agreement

initium lībertātis tōtī Britanniae fore:

will be the beginning of freedom for all of Britain:

nam et ūniversī coistis et servitūtis expertēs,

for you all have come together

and are free from slavery,

et nūllae ultrā terrae ac nē mare quidem sēcūrum

d no lands beyond, not even the sea, will be free

imminente nōbīs classe Rōmānā.

an while the Roman fleet threatens us.

... Nunc terminus Britanniae patet, atque omne ignōtum prō magnificō est;

... Now the uttermost parts of Britain lie exposed, and everything unknown seems great;

sed nūlla iam ultrā gēns, nihil nisi fluctūs ac saxa, et īfestiōrēs Rōmānī,

but there is now no nation beyond us, nothing except waves and rocks, and the more hostile Romans,

quōrum superbiam frūstrā per obsequium ac modestiam effugiās.

whose haughtiness

you may flee in vain through obedience and self-restraint.

Raptōrēs orbis, postquam cuncta vastantibus dēfuēre terrae, mare scrūtantur:

These plunderers of the world, after lands were lacking to them who were destroying everything, investigate the sea;

sī locuplēs hostis est, avārī, If the enemy is rich, they are greedy;

si pauper, ambitiōsī, if poor, they are ambitious.

quōs nōn Oriēns, nōn Occidēns satiāverit:

Neither East nor West will have satisfied them.

sōlī omnium opēs atque inopiam pārī adfectū concupīscunt.

Alone of all peoples they desire wealth and poverty with equal feeling.

Auferre, trucīdāre, rapere falsīs nōminibus imperium,

To carry off, to butcher, to take by force is power under false names,

atque ubi sōlitūdinem faciunt, pācem appellant.”

and where they create a wasteland,

they call it peace.”