

Round One

Tossup 1: Answer this question: **quid est tuum nōmen?**

(**MIHĪ NŌMEN EST**) [THEIR NAME]

B1: What kind of pronoun is **quid**?

INTERROGATIVE

B2: What is the interrogative pronoun in the ablative plural?

QUIBUS

Tossup 2: For what god was the month of March named?

MARS

B1: For what goddess was the month of June named?

JUNO

B2: For what god was the month of January named?

JANUS

Tossup 3: Who was the mother of Athena?

METIS

B1: Who was the mother of Artemis?

LETO / LATONA

B2: Who was the mother of Aphrodite?

NO MOTHER (accept also DIONE)

Tossup 4: Many professions get their names from Latin words. From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English word “conductor”?

DŪCŌ / DŪCERE - LEAD

B1: Here’s another one: from what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the English word “doctor”?

DOCEŌ / DOCĒRE - TEACH

B2: Finally, from what Latin noun with what meaning do we derive the English word “janitor”?

IĀNUA - DOOR

Tossup 5: What political alliance of three men dissolved in part because of the death of Julia, the daughter of one of its members and the wife of another?

1ST TRIUMVIRATE

B1: Name two members of the First Triumvirate.

JULIUS CAESAR / POMPEY / CRASSUS

B2: Marcus Crassus died at the battle of Carrhae in 53 B.C.E fighting what enemies of the Romans?

PARTHIANS / PERSIANS

Tossup 6: Cities like Utica and Carthage were capitals of what Roman province?

AFRICA

B1: Pergamon and Ephesus were capitals of what other Roman province?

ASIA

B2: What ancient wonder of the world was located in Ephesus?

TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS

Tossup 7: What number is represented by the Roman numeral DLV?

555

B1: Give the Roman numeral for the number 753.

DCCLIII

B2: What number is represented by the Roman numeral MDCCLXXVI?

1776

Tossup 8: Called **moenia** by the Romans, Servius Tullius built Rome's first example of what kind of structure?

CITY WALLS

B1: One of the only archaeological depictions of Servius Tullius is located in the Francois tomb in Vulci. Vulci was an urban and cultural center of what Italian people, who occupied the region North of Rome? It is thought that Servius Tullius belonged to these people.

ETRUSCANS

B2: What king followed Servius Tullius's reign?

TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

Tossup 9: Daedalus is Greek myth's most famous inventor. Name his maze-like invention created to house the Minotaur.

LABYRINTH

B1: What is the name of Daedalus's son, who flew too close to the sun on the wax wings that Daedalus invented?

ICARUS

B2: How did Daedalus get a string through a spiral seashell?

TIED THE STRING TO AN ANT

Tossup 10: Distinguish in meaning between **maneō** and **moneō**.

MANEŌ - I REMAIN / **MONEŌ** - I WARN

B1: Distinguish in meaning between **dīcō** and **discō**.

DĪCŌ - I SPEAK / **DISCŌ** - I LEARN

B2: Distinguish in meaning between **iaceō** and **iaciō**.

IACEŌ - I LIE DOWN, **IACIŌ** - I THROW

Tossup 11: What husband of Eurydice rescued her from the underworld and is the protagonist of the musical *Hadestown*?

ORPHEUS

B1: Which three-headed dog did Orpheus have to pass to get into the underworld?

CERBERUS

B2: Orpheus was allowed to lead Eurydice out of the underworld as long as he followed what one rule?

DO NOT LOOK AT HER / LOOK BACK

Tossup 12: What Etruscan woman saw an eagle grab a hat from her husband's head and return it, prophesying that this signaled her husband would become the fifth king of Rome?

TANAQUIL

B1: After Tanaquil became queen, she saw an omen upon the head of an enslaved baby, which she interpreted to mean that the baby would one day become the king of Rome. What was this omen that supposedly happened to the king Servius Tullius?

RING OF FIRE AROUND HIS HEAD (WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING)

B2: Although his Roman name was Lucius Tarquinius Priscus, what was the original Etruscan name of Tanaquil's husband?

LUCUMO

Tossup 13: The urban centers of the Roman world were not an easy place to live, especially if you were poor. What sort of lower-class housing, which could reach as much as nine stories, was famous for how often the buildings collapsed or burned down?

ĪNSULAE

B1: The ground levels of **īnsulae** were typically occupied by shops instead of people. What were these shops called?

TABERNAE

B2: While many poorer people in the cities lived in **īnsulae**, the urban wealthy tended to live in extravagant townhouses. What is the Roman term for this sort of townhouse?

DOMUS

Tossup 14: Identify the case of **pīrāta** in the following Latin sentence: **cupiō pīrāta esse**.

NOMINATIVE

B1: What is the gender of the word **pīrāta**?

MASCULINE

B2: Name another masculine noun in the first declension.

NAUTA / AGRICOLA / AURĪGA / POĒTA / SCRĪBA /
CONVĪVA / INCOLA / TATA / ADVENA / ETC.

Tossup 15: What goddess caused a commotion that led to the events of the Trojan War by throwing a golden apple into the crowd at a wedding?

ERIS / DISCORD

B1: At whose wedding did she throw the apple?

PELEUS AND THETIS

B2: What god wanted to pursue Thetis, but was warned away because of a prophecy that any son she had would be stronger than his father?

ZEUS

Tossup 16: What man became the founder of the Roman republic and one of the first consuls, despite being cousins with the former rulers, the Tarquins?

(LUCIUS JUNIUS) BRUTUS

B1: Who was Brutus' first co-consul, who had to resign the consulship because he shared a name with the Tarquins?

COLLATINUS

B2: Before he revolted against the monarchy, what famous oracle did Brutus visit with his royal cousins?

ORACLE AT DELPHI

Tossup 17: What Roman emperor was counseled by his mother Agrippina the Younger, until he had her killed in 59 C.E, and was known for his lyre-playing and extravagance?

NERO

B1: Agrippina had helped secure her son's elevation to the throne by marrying what man, Nero's direct imperial predecessor?

CLAUDIUS

B2: The first 5 years of Nero's reign, known as the **Quinquennium Neronis**, were mostly peaceful thanks largely to Agrippina's counsel. After her death, historians report that Nero became over-indulgent and paranoid. As an aspect of this paranoia, Nero blamed what group for starting the Great Fire of 64 without any concrete evidence?

CHRISTIANS

Tossup 18: Where in ancient Rome would you be if you saw horses behind **carcerēs**, a **spīna** dividing an open area, and competitors dressed in green, blue, white, or red?

CIRCUS/CIRCUS MAXIMUS

B1: Although **carcerēs** literally means prisons in Latin, what were they in the context of a chariot race?

STARTING GATE

B2: How many laps was a traditional chariot race?

Tossup 19: What Greek goddesses were the inspirations for science and the arts in humans and often accompanied Apollo to entertain the Olympians?

MUSES

B1: In the Classical period, how many Muses were there?

NINE

B2: What muse of epic poetry was the mother of Orpheus and now shares her name with a whistling musical instrument?

CALLIOPE

Tossup 20: I love the game! Or, to put it in Latin, **amō lūdum**. How would you say “I love this game” in Latin?

AMŌ HUNC LŪDUM [ANY WORD ORDER]

B1: How would you say “I love these games” in Latin?

AMŌ HŌS LŪDŌS

B2: How would you say “I love that game” in Latin?

AMŌ ILLUM LŪDUM

Replacement Questions

CULTURE

Tossup: What long robe, sometimes called the **vestis longa**, was worn by Roman matrons and served the same purpose as the toga did for men?

STOLA

B1: What shawl was worn over the **stola** and was traditionally only worn outside?

PALLA

B2: What kind of clothing, worn exclusively by women, was called the **tunica recta** since it was woven on an upright loom?

WEDDING DRESS

HISTORY

Tossup: The Third Servile War was led by what famous gladiator, who is the titular character of a Stanley Kubrick film from 1960?

SPARTACUS

B1: What Roman general owned silver mines in Spain and massive amounts of real estate in Rome and put down the slave revolt of Spartacus when he was consul with Pompey?

MARCUS CRASSUS

B2: After the rebellion was put down, the survivors of the revolt were crucified along what famous Roman road?

VIA APPIA / APPIAN WAY

LANGUAGE

Tossup: When directly addressing a person or thing in Latin, which noun case would you use?

VOCATIVE

B1: Translate the following into Latin using the vocative case: "What do you see, Marcus?"

QUID VIDĒS, MARCE?

B2: Now translate the following into Latin using the vocative case and an imperative: "Claudius, send the soldiers to the camp."

CLAUDĪ, MITTE MĪLITĒS AD CASTRA

MYTHOLOGY

Tossup: What goddess of youth did Ganymede replace as cupbearer of the gods?

HEBE

B1: Who were Hebe's parents?

ZEUS / JUPITER AND HERA / JUNO

B2: What half-brother was Hebe married to after his deification?

HERACLES / HERCULES

Round Two

Tossup 1: If you were to visit the Penn Museum and see their diorama of a Roman villa, you might notice that the house has an open-air garden surrounded by columns. What did the Romans call this architectural feature?

PERISTYLIUM

B1: Elsewhere in the diorama you notice an opening in the roof, a compluvium, above a rainwater pool called the impluvium. Both of these features would have been located in what room of a Roman villa, the central hall?

ATRIUM

B2: What room was between the peristylum and the atrium in the Roman villa and would serve as the home office of the paterfamilias?

TABLINUM

Tossup 2: How did Romulus's twin brother Remus die?

ROMULUS KILLED HIM

B1: Name one story as to how Romulus died.

BECAME A GOD / MURDERED BY SENATE

B2: What is the name of the deified Romulus?

QUIRINUS

Tossup 3: Which of the following words, if any, does not belong because of gender: **lectus, corpus, puer, lupus**?

CORPUS (NEUTER)

B1: Which of the following words, if any, does not belong because of gender: **insula, cēna, agricola, filia**?

AGRICOLA (MASCULINE)

B2: Which of the following words, if any, does not belong because of gender: **dux, vōx, nox, pāx**?

DUX (MASCULINE)

Tossup 4: What goddess famously ate from a pomegranate in the underworld?

PERSEPHONE / PROSERPINA

B1: Who is the mother of Persephone?

DEMETER / CERES

B2: Who is the husband of Persephone?

HADES / PLUTO

Tossup 5: Who was the member of the first Triumvirate who became dictator of Rome from 49-44 B.C.E. before being assassinated in the Senate with the last words **Et tū, Brute**?

JULIUS CAESAR

B1: Julius Caesar famously remarked **vēnī, vīdī, vīcī**. What does this mean?

I CAME, I SAW, I CONQUERED

B2: On what day of the year was Julius Caesar assassinated?

IDES OF MARCH / MARCH 15

Tossup 6: What wooden structure did the Greeks hide inside in order to sneak into Troy?

(TROJAN) HORSE

B1: What “wily” Greek came up with the plan to create the Trojan Horse?

ODYSSEUS

B2: What woman is said to be “the face that launched a thousand ships,” i.e. started the Trojan war?

HELEN

Tossup 7: Give the four principal parts of the verb **rogō**.

ROGŌ, ROGĀRE, ROGĀVĪ, ROGĀTUS

B1: Give the four principal parts of the verb **dō**.

DŌ, DARE, DEDĪ, DATUS

B2: Give the four principal parts of the verb **dicō**.

DĪCŌ, DĪCERE, DĪXĪ, DICTUS

Tossup 8: Though Romulus and Remus were raised by the rural Faustulus and Acca Laurentia, what god was said to be their true father?

ARES / MARS

B1: Along the banks of what river were Romulus and Remus abandoned shortly after birth?

TIBER

B2: The Capitoline Museum in Rome displays a statue showing Romulus and Remus with a she-wolf in an artistic representation of Rome’s foundation story. Why is the she-wolf associated with Romulus and Remus?

SHE RESCUED THEM / SUCKLED THEM AS BABIES

Tossup 9: Discovered in Egypt during the Napoleonic Wars, what artifact helped archaeologists and linguists decipher hieroglyphs?

ROSETTA STONE

B1: The Rosetta Stone recorded a message from the ruler of Egypt. What Egyptian dynasty was this ruler a member of, which had been founded by a general of Alexander the Great and produced members such as Cleopatra?

PTOLEMAIC DYNASTY

B2: The Rosetta Stone featured inscriptions in three different scripts. Two of them, Demotic and Hieroglyphic, were different scripts of Egyptian. What was the other language featured, the administrative language of the Ptolemies?

GREEK

Tossup 10: After she was challenged to a weaving contest, what goddess of wisdom and war changed Arachne into a spider?

ATHENA / MINERVA

B1: Which god of the ocean and earthquakes sent a sea monster to Aethiopia after queen Cassiopeia bragged that she and her daughter Andromeda were more beautiful than the Nereids?

NEPTUNE / POSEIDON

B2: Which goddess of beauty and love demanded that the girl Psyche be sacrificed after people compared Psyche's beauty to hers?

VENUS / APHRODITE

Tossup 11: What weapon is Poseidon known for using?

TRIDENT

B1: What weapon is Zeus known for using?

THUNDERBOLT / LIGHTNING BOLT

B2: What musical object is Apollo usually depicted holding?

LYRE

Tossup 12: What English derivative of the Latin word meaning 'letter' means 'able to read and write'?

LITERATE

B1: What English derivative of the same word means 'to wipe out, destroy'?

OBLITERATE

B2: What English derivative of the same word means 'to write a word using the letters of another language'?

TRANSLITERATE

Tossup 13: What ancient region, the site of a ten-year long campaign by Julius Caesar, roughly corresponds to modern France?

GAUL

B1: What mountain range separates Gaul from Italy?

ALPS

B2: The Pyrenees mountain range separates Gaul from what other ancient region?

HISPANIA

Tossup 14: Who was considered the last Pharaoh of Egypt, despite her Greek ancestry and gender, gaining power in Egypt with the help of Romans such as Julius Caesar and Mark Antony?

CLEOPATRA (VII)

B1: Historically, the capital of Ancient Egypt was usually Thebes or Memphis, but Cleopatra's Greek ancestors moved the capital to a new city on the Mediterranean coast. What is the name of this city?

ALEXANDRIA

B2: In addition to political relationships with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, Cleopatra also developed romantic relationships with them. She bore three children to Mark Antony, and one child to Julius Caesar. Name any one of these children.

CLEOPATRA SELENE, ALEXANDER HELIOS,
PTOLEMY PHILADELPHUS, CAESARION

Tossup 15: What would you do in ancient Rome if you were a **pistor**?

BAKE (BREAD)

B1: What would you do in ancient Rome if you were a **pictor**?

PAINT / MAKE ART

B2: What would you do in ancient Rome if you were a **piscator**?

(CATCH) FISH

Tossup 16: What god was known by the epithet Psychopompos when he led the spirits of the dead to the Underworld with winged shoes?

HERMES / MERCURY

B1: Who was the god of death, after whom a famous Marvel villain is named?

THANATOS / LETUS

B2: Who was Thanatos' twin, the god of sleep?

HYPNOS / SOMNUS

Tossup 17: What toga was worn by priests, magistrates, and freeborn boys before they came of age?

TOGA PRAETEXTA

B1: What toga was worn by candidates running for office?

TOGA CANDIDA

B2: "Candida" refers to what quality of this toga?

(WHITE) COLOR

Tossup 18: Distinguish in meaning between **cūrō** (with one R) and **currō** (with two Rs).

CŪRŌ - I CARE, TAKE CARE OF / **CURRŌ**—I RUN

B1: Distinguish in meaning between **cadō** and **cēdō**.

CADŌ - I FALL, DIE / **CĒDŌ** - I LEAVE, YIELD

B2: Distinguish in meaning between **canō** and **cēnō**.

CANŌ - I SING / **CĒNŌ** - I EAT, DINE

Tossup 19: On what day do the Ides fall in most of the calendar months?

13TH

B1: In what four months of the year do the Ides fall on the 15th day?

MARCH, MAY, JULY, OCTOBER

B2: On what day do the Nones fall in the months from the first bonus?

7TH

Tossup 20: Identify the Roman hero described in this passage from book two of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita*:

"The bridge of piles almost afforded an entrance to the enemy, had it not been for one man, _____; he was the bulwark of defense on which that day depended the fortune of the City of Rome. He chanced to be on guard at the bridge when Janiculum was captured by a sudden attack of the enemy...He therefore warned and commanded them [the Romans] to break down the bridge with steel, with fire, with any instrument at their disposal; and promised that he would himself receive the onset of the enemy, so far as it could be withstood by a single body."

HORATIUS (COCLES)

B1: Horatius' cognomen Cocles references what body part, one of which Horatius lost while defending the Pons Sublicius?

EYES

B2: Another Roman hero, Mucius Scaevola, also lost the use of a body part after a botched assassination attempt on Lars Porsena. Like Cocles, he received a cognomen honoring this sacrifice. What body part did he lose?

HAND

Replacement Questions

CULTURE

Tossup: What kind of gladiator, whose name literally means 'net-man' in Latin, was armed with a trident, dagger, and net?

RETIARIUS

B1: The retiarius always fought against the secutor, who was far more heavily armed. What was the name of the large rectangular shield the secutor carried, which was also used by the Samnite gladiator and Roman soldiers?

SCUTUM

B2: Some ancient sources said the retiarius, the fisherman gladiator, originally fought what other kind of gladiator, who was armed similarly to the secutor but also wore a fish-shaped helmet?

MURMILLO

HISTORY

Tossup: What is the name of the woman who became the impetus for Rome's transition from a monarchy to the republic by committing suicide?

LUCRETIA

B1: Who was the last king of Rome, under whose reign this event took place?

TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

B2: Who was Tarquinius Superbus' son, who sexually assaulted Lucretia?

TARQUINIUS SEXTUS

LANGUAGE

Tossup: What animal, called a **lupa** in Latin, is said to have rescued Romulus and Remus?

(SHE-)WOLF

B1: What animal, called a **bōs** in Latin, is Io said to have turned into?

COW

B2: What animal, called an **ovis** in Latin, appears regularly in pastoral poetry?

SHEEP

MYTHOLOGY

Tossup: What mythic king of Thebes unknowingly killed his father and married his mother, and now shares his name with an infamous "complex" coined by Sigmund Freud?

OEDIPUS

B1: Early in his life, Oedipus encountered a mythical creature with the head of a human, the body of a lion, and the wings of an eagle. What is the name of this creature who asks riddles?

SPHYNX

B2: Name one of the daughters of Oedipus by his wife and mother Jocasta.

ANTIGONE, ISMENE

Round Three

Tossup 1: What king of Crete lent his name to a famous monster?

MINOS

B1: The Minotaur was the son of Minos' prized bull and his wife Pasiphaë. Who had Minos offended for Pasiphaë to be cursed with desire for the bull?

POSEIDON

B2: Name one of the two maternal half-sisters of the Minotaur who were romantically involved with Theseus.

ARIADNE / PHAEDRA

Tossup 2: Give a Latin synonym for **vocō**.

APPELLŌ / DĪCŌ / NŌMINŌ

B1: Give a Latin synonym for **laetus**.

FĒLIX / FESTUS

B2: Give a Latin synonym for **fēmina**.

MULIER

Tossup 3: The Cloaca Maxima, the Circus Maximus, and the Temple to Jupiter Capitolinus were all built during the reign of what king?

TARQUINIUS PRISCUS

B1: According to Livy, what body part was discovered as the Romans began laying the foundations for the Temple to Jupiter Capitolinus?

HEAD

B2: What was the use of the Cloaca Maxima?

SEWER

Tossup 4: Near what site in 31 B.C.E did Roman ships under Octavian battle a mixed Roman-Egyptian fleet?

ACTIUM

B1: Alongside the queen of Egypt, what former member of the 2nd Triumvirate commanded the Roman-Egyptian fleet?

MARC ANTONY

B2: Although the battle of Actium involved the Romans and the Egyptians, it was fought neither in Italy or in Egypt. Off the coast of what modern-day country was the battle fought?

GREECE

Tossup 5: The archaeological site of Hisarlik is often identified with what legendary city, the setting of one of Homer's great epics?

TROY

B1: Hisarlik/Troy is located in the northwest of what modern-day country?

TURKEY

B2: What did the Romans call the province that included modern-day Turkey?

ASIA MINOR

Tossup 6: What goddess sent Eileithyia to delay the birth of her namesake Heracles out of anger at Zeus' affairs?

HERA

B1: What animal did Hera send to the crib of Heracles in order to kill him?

SNAKES

B2: What was the name of Heracles' first wife, who Hera caused him to kill in a fit of madness?

MEGARA

Tossup 7: What use of the ablative case is found in the following sentence: **Rōmam tertio diē venīmus?**

TIME WHEN

B1: What use of the ablative case is found in the following sentence: **Rōmam cum cane nostrō venīmus?**

ACCOMPANIMENT

B2: What use of the ablative case is found in the following sentence: **Rōmam ab Brundisiō venīmus?**

PLACE FROM WHICH

Tossup 8: The theater of Marcellus, a new forum, the Ara Pacis and the original Pantheon were all constructed under what emperor, leading him to claim that he had "found Rome a city of brick and left it a city of marble"?

AUGUSTUS

B1: What general of Augustus had commissioned the Pantheon and has his name inscribed on the facade?

(MARCUS VIPSANIUS) AGRIPPA

B2: The Pantheon burnt down in antiquity, but was rebuilt into its current state by what later emperor?

HADRIAN

Tossup 9: What modern-day country includes the Roman province of Mesopotamia?

IRAQ

B1: What modern-day country includes the Roman province of Lusitania?

PORTUGAL

B2: What modern-day country includes the Roman province of Dacia?

ROMANIA

Tossup 10: What daughter of Thaumias and Electra did double duty as the messenger of Hera and the goddess of the rainbow?

IRIS

B1: What sisters of Iris had the bodies of birds but the heads of women?

HARPIES

B2: What god of the west wind was Iris said to be a consort of?

ZEPHYRUS

Tossup 11: Give the second person singular future active indicative of the verb **eō, īre**.

ĪBIS

B1: Make **ībis** plural.

ĪBITIS

B2: Change **ībitis** to the third person.

ĪBUNT

Tossup 12: What Titan, who was the god of time and agriculture before he was overthrown by his son, now shares his Roman name with a planet known for its rings?

SATURN / KRONOS

B1: What god of archery, music, prophecy, healing, and the sun shares his name with the space craft that brought humans to the moon for the first time?

APOLLO / PHOEBUS

B2: What god of the underworld and wealth shares his name with a celestial object that was declassified as a planet and reclassified as a dwarf planet in 2006?

PLUTO / HADES

Tossup 13: In the period immediately after a Roman king died, who took over the administration of the Roman state in their capacity as interreges?

SENATE / SENATORS

B1: What Roman assembly elected kings during the period of the monarchy?

CURIATE ASSEMBLY / COMITIA CURIATA

B2: The period after a Roman king died in which the Interreges ruled Rome was called the Interregnum. How long was the Interregnum after Romulus' death?

1 YEAR

Tossup 14: Where in Ancient Rome would one watch **naumachiae**, **vēnātiōnēs**, and gladiatorial combats?

AMPHITHEATRES / COLOSSEUM

B1: What was a **naumachia**?

MOCK NAVAL BATTLE (ACCEPT EQUIVALENTS)

B2: Architecturally speaking, what is the difference between a theater and an amphitheater?
THEATER IS SEMI-CIRCULAR, AMPHITHEATER IS FULL CIRCLE

Tossup 15: **Quid Anglicē significat hodiē?**

TODAY

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat cōtīdiē?**

EVERY DAY / DAILY

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat postrīdiē?**

ON THE FOLLOWING DAY / ON THE DAY AFTER

Tossup 16: In mythology, where is the river Styx located?

UNDERWORLD

B1: In what modern-day country is the Tiber river located?

ITALY

B2: In what modern-day country is the Nile river located?

EGYPT

Tossup 17: What Roman princess ordered the murder of her own father and drove over his body with a carriage?

TULLIA (MINOR)

B1: Tullia plotted the death of her father Servius Tullius with what lover of hers, the younger brother of her first husband, Arruns?

(LUCIUS) TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

B2: Tarquinius Superbus' involvement in Tullius' death is somewhat ironic, considering Superbus' supposed father Tarquinius Priscus was also killed by the children of a Roman king. Whose children had killed Tarquinius Priscus?

ANCUS MARCIUS

Tossup 18: What holiday was a coming-of-age ceremony for Roman boys around the age of 15 or 16 where they would give up their toga praetexta and bulla?

LIBERALIA

B1: What toga would Roman boys begin wearing after the Liberalia, to signify their new status as a Roman man and citizen?

TOGA VIRILIS

B2: A bulla was an amulet worn by Roman boys to protect against evil spirits. Although girls sometimes also wore bullae, many of them also wore a moon-shaped amulet. What was the name of this amulet?

LUNULA

Tossup 19: What **praenōmen** was abbreviated **M.**?

MARCUS

B1: What **praenōmen** was abbreviated **Cn.**?

GNAEUS

B2: What **praenōmen** was abbreviated **Ti.**?

TIBERIUS

Tossup 20: What Latin phrase, found on a mosaic in Pompeii, means ‘beware of the dog’?

CAVĒ CANEM

B1: What three-word Latin phrase encourages one to view something with skepticism, literally meaning ‘with a grain of salt’?

CUM GRANŌ SALIS

B2: What two-word Latin phrase is a document similar to a résumé, literally meaning “path of life”?

CURRICULUM VĪTAE

Replacement Questions

CULTURE

Tossup: Rediscovered in 1738 during the construction of a palace for the King of Naples, what city near Pompeii had ironically been almost perfectly preserved by the Volcanic eruption which destroyed it?

HERCULANEUM

B1: What city, Naples’ ancient counterpart, was also severely damaged by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius?

NEAPOLIS

B2: What famous archaeological site at Herculaneum is the architectural inspiration for the Getty Villa, and is known for its massive library of around 1800 papyrus scrolls?

VILLA DEI PAPYRI

HISTORY

Tossup: What member of the First Triumvirate was a successful general known for fighting against Mithridates, pirates, and his old ally, Julius Caesar?

POMPEY

B1: Pompey was finally defeated by Caesar at what battle in central Greece?

PHARSALUS

B2: The year before the Battle of Pharsalus, Caesar had started the civil war by crossing what river? Crossing this river is now an idiom for making an irreversible action.

LANGUAGE

Tossup: From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive the English word ‘omnivore’?

OMNIS/OMNE, EVERY/ALL

B1: From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive the English word ‘annul’?

NŪLLUS/A/UM, NONE

B2: From what Latin adjective, with what meaning, do we derive the English word ‘replenish’?

PLĒNUS/A/UM, FULL

MYTHOLOGY

Tossup: What mythic son of Zeus slayed Medusa and is the namesake of a novel series by Rick Riordan?

PERSEUS

B1: What special power did Medusa have?

TURN PEOPLE TO STONE

B2: What type of monster was Medusa?

GORGON

SEMIFINAL ROUND

Tossup 1: In service of King Eurystheus, what mythological hero, named after his father's wife, had to perform twelve labors?

HERCULES / HERACLES

B1: For his first labor, Hercules had to kill the Nemean lion. Why was this so hard?

ITS SKIN/HIDE WAS IMPENETRABLE

B2: The ninth labor of Hercules was to steal the girdle of the warrior queen Hippolyta. What warrior group of women was Hippolyta the queen of?

AMAZONS

Tossup 2: Although he was officially named Gaius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, what early emperor is better known by a nickname meaning 'little boot,' given to him as a child by the men in his father's military camps?

CALIGULA

B1: Caligula was very unpopular with the senate, and therefore we do not know how much history written about him is true. According to Cassius Dio, what horse of his did he try to make consul and priest of his own cult?

INCITATUS

B2: What group of people refused to worship Caligula as a god, especially after he erected a statue of himself in their temple at Judea?

JEWISH PEOPLE

Tossup 3: Where would you be in ancient Rome if you saw the Basilica of Maxentius, the Temple of Saturn, and the Arch of Titus?

FORUM

B1: Where would you be in ancient Rome if you saw the Ara Pacis, the Mausoleum of Augustus, and the Pantheon?

CAMPUS MARTIUS

B2: The **Campus Martius**, or field of Mars, was traditionally the site of military training and what other civic duty?

VOTING

Tossup 4: What English noun meaning 'a fake drug' is a Latin verb literally meaning 'I will please'?

PLACEBO

B1: What derivative of the same Latin verb is an English adjective meaning 'calm' or 'peaceful'?

PLACID / PLEASANT

B2: What derivative of the same Latin verb is an English adjective meaning ‘unable to be calmed or appeased’?

IMPLACABLE

Tossup 5: **Quid Anglicē significat mūrus?**

WALL

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat manus?**

HAND, BAND

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat mappa?**

NAPKIN, HANDKERCHIEF

Tossup 6: Who was the wife of Odysseus who ran Ithaca while Odysseus was away?

PENELOPE

B1: While Odysseus was on his way home from Troy, many men came to Ithaca to try and marry Penelope. What did Penelope do to buy time with the suitors?

UNRAVELED THE SHROUD SHE WAS WEAVING

B2: When Odysseus returns home, Penelope makes him prove his identity by telling her something about their bed. What was it?

IT WAS IMMOVABLE / MADE INTO A TREE

Tossup 7: Who was often described as gloomy and spent the last 10 years of his life living on an Italian island despite his position as Rome’s second emperor?

TIBERIUS

B1: What island did Tiberius retire to?

CAPRI

B2: Who was Tiberius’ Praetorian prefect, who practically ruled Rome from the time when Tiberius retired to 31 C.E? This man’s reign of terror was characterized by wealthy and famous Romans being charged with treason and executed.

SEJANUS

Tossup 8: Which one of these was not associated with the **thermae**: **strigilis**, **tepidārium**, **pistorēs**, **palaestra**?

PISTORES

B1: In what room at the **thermae** would patrons cleanse themselves with olive oil and scrape the excess oil off with the **strigilis**?

UNCTORIUM

B2: In what room at the **thermae** would patrons change and store their clothes?

APODYTERIUM

Tossup 9: What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **fābulam dare**?

TO PUT ON A PLAY

B1: What is the meaning of the Latin idiom **fābulam agere**?

TO ACT IN A PLAY

B2: Translate the Latin proverb **est lupus in fābulā**.

IT'S THE WOLF IN THE STORY / THERE'S A WOLF IN THE STORY

Tossup 10: What kind of creature was Polyphemus?

CYCLOPS

B1: Name one physical characteristic of a Cyclops.

GIANT / ONE EYE

B2: What animals did Polyphemus tend to on the island of the Cyclopes?

SHEEP

Tossup 11: During Rome's war with Alba Longa, Tullus Hostilius opted to send what set of triplets to fight against an Alban set of triplets instead of fighting a larger pitched-battle?

HORATII

B1: What family did the Alban triplets belong to?

CURIATII

B2: After Publius Horatius had defeated all the Curiatii brothers, Tullus Hostilius destroyed Alba Longa and removed all of its citizens to Rome. Although he destroyed the city, Tullus ordered for what structures to be left untouched?

TEMPLES

Tossup 12: In what cardinal direction would one travel from Rome to Ostia, or from Babylon to Athens?

WEST

B1: In what cardinal direction would one travel on their way from Alexandria to Memphis, or Londinium to Carthage?

SOUTH

B2: Memphis and Alexandria are both located in what modern-day country?

EGYPT

Tossup 13: Which word does not belong with the others by grammar: **ferre**, **audire**, **forte**, **state**?

FORTE

B1: Which word does not belong with the others by grammar: **mansī**, **portavī**, **regī**, **docuī**?

REGI

B2: Which word does not belong with the others by grammar: **celere**, **pōnere**, **mittere**, **trahere**?

CELERE

Tossup 14: Complete the analogy: Neptune : Poseidon :: Vulcan : ____.

HEPHAESTUS

B1: What was another Roman name for Hephaestus?

MULCIBER

B2: Under what volcano in Sicily was Hephaestus said to have his forge?

MT. ETNA

Tossup 15: The prelude to what event of the Early Monarchy is described in this adapted passage from book 1 of Livy's *Ab Urbe Condita*?

"Romulus made elaborate preparations for the celebration of 'the Consualia.' He ordered public notice of the spectacle to be given amongst the adjoining cities. There was a great gathering; people were eager to see the new City, all their nearest neighbors—the people of Caenina, Antemnae, and Crustumerium—were there, and the whole Sabine population came, with their wives and families."

ABDUCTION OF THE SABINE WOMEN

B1: Who mediated the conflict between the Sabine men and the Romans?

SABINE WOMEN

B2: The resolution of the conflict between the Romans and the Sabines came when Romulus agreed to co-rule with what Sabine king?

TITUS TATIUS

Tossup 16: What was the domain of the Egyptian god Osiris, who shares many similarities with the Greek Hades?

DEATH / UNDERWORLD

B1: The Bust of Nefertiti is a famous artifact that was smuggled out of Egypt in the early 1900s depicting an Egyptian queen. What is the name of the supreme ruling position her husband held as intermediary between the gods and the Egyptians?

PHARAOH

B2: What famous Egyptian structure is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

(GREAT) PYRAMID (OF GIZA)

Tossup 17: From what Greek military formation do we derive the English word "phalange"?

PHALANX

B1: What Roman military formation, in which soldiers formed a wall from their shields, was named after the word for tortoise?

TESTUDO

B2: What did the Romans call the shields that would be used in such a formation?

CLYPEUS / SCUTUM

Tossup 18: To what god was the grove of Dodona sacred?

ZEUS

B1: The Oracle at Dodona was considered second only to what famous oracle of Apollo?

(THE ORACLE AT) DELPHI

B2: What ship inherited the power of prophecy because one of its timbers came from Dodona?

ARGO

Tossup 19: What brave Roman woman was taken as a prisoner of war by Lars Porsena, but later escaped from captivity with a group of women hostages?

CLOELIA

B1: How did Cloelia and the other captives escape?

SWAM ACROSS THE TIBER

B2: Which Etruscan king of Rome asked Lars Porsena to attack the city after it was taken from him?

TARQUINIUS SUPERBUS

Tossup 20: Translate into Latin using alliteration (i.e. using only words that all start with the same letter): "The cow sees the road."

VACCA VIDET VIAM

B1: Now translate the following into Latin, also using alliteration: "The men call the cows."

VIRI VOCANT VACCAS

B2: Finally, translate the following into Latin using alliteration: "The lives of true men."

VITAE VERORUM VIRORUM

Replacement Questions

CULTURE

Tossup: What holiday, celebrated in December, featured gambling, slaves treated to banquets by their masters, and the exchange of wax figurines and other gifts?

SATURNALIA

B1: What was the term used to refer to both the wax figurines exchanged on Saturnalia, and the final day of Saturnalia festivities?

SIGILLARIA

B2: What two-word celebratory phrase was shouted for the duration of Saturnalia, akin to a modern "Merry Christmas"?

IO SATURNALIA

HISTORY

Tossup: What woman married Marc Antony to cement the political alliance between him and her brother, Augustus, and was the grandmother of the emperor Claudius?

OCTAVIA (THE YOUNGER)

B1: What contemporary of Octavia was extraordinarily politically powerful in her position as the last wife of Augustus and the mother of Tiberius?

LIVIA (DRUSILLA)

B2: What kind of artifact was discovered at Livia's villa at Prima Porta, which depicts her husband wearing a decorative breastplate?

STATUE

LANGUAGE

Tossup: For the verb **stō**, give the 2nd person singular imperfect active indicative.

STĀBAS

B1: Make **stābas** present.

STĀS

B2: Make **stās** into an imperative.

STA

MYTHOLOGY

Tossup: In mythology, whose heel was his one weakness?

ACHILLES

B1: The father of Achilles was King Peleus. What group of adventurers who stole the golden fleece was Peleus a part of before his marriage to Thetis, the mother of Achilles?

ARGONAUTS

B2: Where did Achilles die?

TROY

FINAL ROUND

Tossup 1: What creatures with alluring voices tried to seduce Odysseus into the sea on his way home from the Trojan war?

SIRENS

B1: What enchantress and minor goddess, the daughter of Helios, hosted Odysseus and his men on the island Aeaea for a year?

CIRCE

B2: What daughter of Atlas hosted Odysseus and his men on the island of Ogygia for seven years and promised Odysseus immortality?

CALYPSO

Tossup 2: Differentiate in meaning between the adjectives **lātus** and **laetus**.

LATUS - WIDE / **LAETUS** - HAPPY

B1: Differentiate in meaning between **accidere** and **occidere**.

ACCIDERE - TO HAPPEN, BEFALL / **OCCIDERE** - TO FALL/DIE or TO KILL

B2: Differentiate in meaning between **ignis** and **ingēns**.

IGNIS - FIRE / **INGĒNS** - BIG, HUGE

Tossup 3: What man was called forth from his plow to rescue the Roman army on Mount Algidus from the hostile Aequians?

CINCINNATUS

B1: In order to deal with the crisis at Mount Algidus, Cincinnatus was appointed to what position, although he was only in power for 17 days of his 6 month term?

DICTATOR

B2: George Washington is often called 'An American Cincinnatus' in recognition of what action of his?

VOLUNTARILY GIVING UP POWER / RETURNING TO A FARM

Tossup 4: What hill of Rome contained the hut of Romulus, the Domus Transitoria, the house of Augustus, and a number of other imperial palaces?

PALATINE HILL

B1: What hill of Rome contained the ancient citadel of the city along with temples to Virtus, Juno Moneta, and Jupiter Optimus Maximus?

CAPITOLINE HILL

B2: What hill contained the Gardens of Maecenas, the baths of Trajan, and a massive cemetery?

ESQUILINE HILL

Tossup 5: What Roman holiday, which could be considered a precursor to Valentine's Day with less romance and more violence, featured a sacrifice of a goat and a dog and men running through the streets whipping women with leather?

LUPERCALIA

B1: What is the term for the leather whip used during the Lupercalia, which lends its name to one of the months of the calendar year?

FEBRUARIA

B2: While dogs were sacrificed during the Lupercalia, what other animals were honored on this holiday, and were also used as guard-pets in the ancient world?

GEES

Tossup 6: In the Underworld, what river brought forgetfulness to anyone who drank from it?

LETHE

B1: What was the name of the river of fire in the Underworld?

(PYRI)PHLEGETHON

B2: What was the name of the river of woe in the Underworld?

COCYTUS

Tossup 7: What Roman emperor is known for Robert Graves's fictional account of his life, his stutter, and being the uncle of Caligula?

CLAUDIUS

B1: Before becoming emperor, Claudius was tutored by Livy and wrote literary works in what genre, although all of these works are lost?

HISTORY

B2: Besides his accomplished career as a historian, Claudius was also successful in expanding Rome's territory. What region did Claudius successfully invade with the help of the general Aulus Plautius?

BRITAIN

Tossup 8: **Quid Anglicē significat 'mensis'?**

MONTH

B1: **Quid Anglicē significat 'mensa'?**

TABLE, MEAL, COURSE, DINNER

B2: **Quid Anglicē significat 'mens'?**

MIND, REASON, THOUGHT

Tossup 9: What Trojan princess was cursed by Apollo with the gift of prophecy that no one would believe?

CASSANDRA

B1: What Greek king and military leader took Cassandra to Greece after the fall of Troy?

AGAMEMNON

B2: What was the name of Agamemnon's wife, who killed both him and Cassandra in the bath?

CLYTEMNESTRA

Tossup 10: At what sort of event in ancient Rome would one hear a **laudatio**, hear a Roman son call out the name of his father, and see Romans wearing wax masks of their ancestors?

FUNERAL/BURIAL

B1: What was the name for these wax death masks, which were stored in a Roman house's alae?

IMĀGINES

B2: What was the name for the darkened or black toga mourners would wear during a funeral?

TOGA PULLA

Tossup 11: In Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, Romeo compares Juliet to the goddess Diana, also known as Artemis. What celestial object, the domain of the goddess, does Romeo say pales because of Juliet's beauty?

MOON

B1: In Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Hamlet compares his uncle Claudius to a satyr. What god of wine and festivity do satyrs follow in mythology?

BACCHUS / DIONYSUS

B2: In Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, Bassanio compares Portia to the golden fleece. What hero and leader of the Argonauts retrieved the golden fleece?

JASON

Tossup 12: Cluilius, Amulius, and Numitor were all kings of what city, which was founded by a son of Aeneas?

ALBA LONGA

B1: Give either name for the son of Aeneas that founded Alba Longa.

IULUS / ASCANIUS

B2: What was Numitor's relationship to Romulus and Remus?

GRANDFATHER

Tossup 13: Some English words derived from Latin are spelled the same as specific forms of their Latin roots. What such English derivative is also a Latin word meaning 'they are eager'?

STUDENT

B1: What English adjective is spelled the same as a Latin word meaning 'they mean' or 'they indicate'?

SIGNIFICANT

B2: What English noun is spelled the same as a Latin word meaning 'they teach' and means 'a museum guide'?

DOCENT

Tossup 14: If you heard the phrase **quandō tū Gāius, ego Gāia**, what sort of ceremony might you be attending, which could also involve an offering of cake or a fictitious sale of a woman?

WEDDING/MARRIAGE

B1: The offering of cake was typical of what kind of wedding, chiefly practiced by patricians?

CONFARREATIO

B2: What kind of wedding included the 'sale' of the bride and was chiefly practiced by plebeians?

COEMPTIO

Tossup 15: The construction of the Temple of Janus, a romance with the nymph Egeria, and the addition of January and February to the calendar are all accomplishments attributed to what king of Rome?

NUMA POMPILIUS

B1: Numa Pompilius, along with one of his predecessors Titus Tatius, was a member of what Italian tribe who lived in the hilly land east of Rome?

SABINES

B2: What was indicated by closing the doors of the Temple of Janus?

PEACE / END OF A WAR

Tossup 16: Translate into English: **Flāvius flammam facile facit.**

FLAVIUS MAKES A FIRE / FLAME EASILY

B1: Translate into English: **Per perīcula ponte pugnare potest.**

HE / SHE / IT IS ABLE TO FIGHT THROUGH

DANGERS AT / BY / ON THE BRIDGE

B2: Translate into English: **Dormiēbam domī diū.**

I WAS SLEEPING AT HOME FOR A LONG TIME

Tossup 17: What two people escaped in a small boat from the great flood sent by Zeus?

DEUCALION AND PYRRHA

B1: When they were wondering how to repopulate the earth, what shocking advice did they receive from the temple of Themis?

THROW THE BONES OF YOUR MOTHER BEHIND YOU

B2: What did they throw over their shoulders, which turned into humans as they hit the ground?

STONES

Tossup 18: What priestess and queen of the Iceni revolted against the Romans during the reign of Nero?

BOUDICCA

B1: The Iceni were one of several tribes that inhabited what Roman province?

BRITANNIA / BRITAIN

B2: Boudicca's forces destroyed the ancient counterparts of Colchester and London, and Saint Albans. At this time, what was the name of London?

LONDINIUM

Tossup 19: Which road would you take to travel to Brundisium from Rome?

VIA APPIA

B1: Which road would you take to travel to Ariminum from Rome?

VIA FLAMINIA

B2: What Roman road was akin to the city's Main Street, cutting the Roman forum in half and leading up to the Colosseum?

VIA SACRA

Tossup 20: Welcome to the **Cinema Rōmāna**! What 2024 film remake might the Romans have called **Puellae Crūdēles**?

MEAN GIRLS

B1: What 2023 film remake might the Romans have called **Parva Nympha Marīna**?

THE LITTLE MERMAID

B2: What series based on a book, with one installment in 2021 and another in 2024, might the Romans have called **Harēna**?

DUNE

Replacement Questions

CULTURE

Tossup: In caves on the shores of what sea were 15,000 Jewish scrolls from the Second Temple period discovered?

DEAD SEA

B1: While some of the Dead Sea scrolls are written on papyrus, the majority are written on what material, which is made of animal skin and still used in the production of Torah scrolls?

PARCHMENT

B2: Many of the Dead Sea Scrolls are now on display in what Middle Eastern city?

JERUSALEM

HISTORY

Tossup: Who am I? Like my grandfather, Numa Pompilius, I reformed Roman religion by creating the new priesthood of the Fetiales, who were the priests in charge of declaring war.

Besides my religious role, I also expanded Rome territorially: The Aventine and Janiculum hills were incorporated into Rome during my reign, and I established Rome's port at Ostia.

ANCUS MARCIUS

B1: What bridge did I build across the Tiber to connect the Janiculum hill to the rest of Rome?

PONS SUBLICIUS

B2: I also built one of Rome's first cisterns, the Tullianum. Later on in Roman history, this building saw use as what sort of structure?

PRISON

LANGUAGE

Tossup: Using a singular imperative, say in Latin, "Bring the book to me."

FER MIHI LIBRUM

B1: Name another common Latin verb whose singular imperative, like **fer**, ends in a consonant.

ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: DĪCŌ, DŪCŌ, FACIŌ

B2: Say in Latin, "Lead me home, Lucius."

DŪC ME DOMUM, LŪCĪ

MYTHOLOGY

Tossup: What young man drove his father Helios' sun chariot across the sky?

PHAETHON

B1: Unsurprisingly, flying a sun chariot as a mortal has its consequences. What was Phaethon's fate?

STRUCK DOWN BY ZEUS

B2: Phaethon had many sisters who grieved at his death. According to Ovid, what were the sisters turned into?

(POPLAR) TREES

