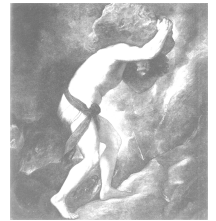


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1. Whom did Orpheus try to bring back from the Underworld?
2. What was the title of the chief priest in ancient Rome?
3. What English derivative, describing a person as courageously noble, etymologically means “great-souled”?
4. What mythological character (at right) must forever roll a boulder up a hill in the Underworld?
5. What mountains run down the length of Italy?
6. What Latin saying means “thus always to tyrants”?
7. What Latin saying means “Thus passes the glory of the world”?
8. What Latin saying means a healthy mind in a healthy body?
9. What is the Latin for “knowledge itself is power”?
10. Give the full Latin for the abbreviation Q.E.D.
11. What is the name of the mother of the muses and goddess of memory?
12. What Latin phrase identifies the logical fallacy of thinking that A caused B simply because B followed A?
13. What English derivative from a Latin verb meaning “let it be done” refers to an arbitrary order or command?
14. What adjective, derived from the name of a Greek herald in the Trojan War, describes a shout as loud as one made by fifty men?
15. What English derivative from Latin identifies a period of time between the death of one ruler and the ascension of another?
16. Who was the author of the epicurean treatise *De Rerum Natura*?
17. What saying on the back of a one dollar bill means “a new order of ages”?
18. Who was the leader (at right) of the combined Gallic forces in their war with Caesar?
19. What Roman emperor was an author of a collection of *Meditations*?
20. With what incendiary phrase did Cato the Elder end all of his speeches, thereby precipitating the Third Punic War?
21. Plato is to the Academy as Aristotle is to the _____?
22. With what scolding phrase did Brennus admonish the vanquished Romans when they complained about the weight of gold to be paid as tribute?
23. What Latin phrase means “Let arms yield to the toga”?
24. “Not unkind” and “hardly misanthropic” are examples of what figure of speech?
25. Achilles is to Hector as Aeneas is to _____?



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26. What pre-Socratic philosopher said that we never step in the same river twice?
27. In classical rhetoric the introduction is called the exordium and the conclusion the _____?
28. From whom do we have a firsthand account of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius?
29. What are the first three words of the Vergil's *Aeneid*?
30. What Greek saying, meaning "know thyself," was inscribed on the temple of Apollo?
31. What Latin word refers to a gap or missing section of a text?
32. What mythological character is said to have brought to Greece an alphabet and founded the city of Thebes?
33. What Latin phrase refers to an incidental remark?
34. The argument that *when an even number (2) is added to an odd number (3), their sum (5) is both odd and even* is an example of what specious art?
35. What Latin phrase would be used as the heading for a list of achievements?
36. What Latin saying means "Who will guard the guardians themselves?"
37. What is the Latin motto of the Olympic games?
38. What is the name of the rhetorical ploy by which a speaker mentions certain things while pretending to pass over them? (*e.g.*, I will not mention what you were doing last night among that rabble on 5th Street since that has nothing to do with the current affair.)
39. What are the first seven words of Caesar's commentary on his Gallic campaigns?
40. What Roman historian (at right) wrote an account of the Roman people *ab urbe condita* (*i.e.*, from the founding of the city)?
41. What priest warned his fellow Trojans to beware of Greeks bearing gifts?
42. What Latin saying means "it is sweet and honorable to die for one's country"?
43. What Greek playwright wrote the trilogy called the *Oresteia*?
44. What was the literary name of the woman who caused Catullus to be racked by love and hate?
45. What Latin abbreviation means "it is permitted to know" or "namely"?
46. What Greek phrase may refer to a word used but once in a language?
47. Cicero complained of the decadence of his times in what famous phrase?
48. What scholarly Julio-Claudian emperor wrote a lost treatise on Etruscan civilization?
49. Who was the literary patron of Vergil, Horace and many other writers during the age of Augustus?
50. What is the Greek word used to designate excellence in skill, study or character?

