

2008 Riverbend Certamen

UPPER LEVEL - ROUND 1

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Winter is a time of fun and excitement, especially if the weather cooperates. Well, around the Fredericksburg area, Old Man Winter has been absent without leave for several years now and folks want to see some snow. Using the third conjugation verb *ningo, ningere, ninxi*, say in Latin, "If it should snow, we would be happy."

SI NINGAT, (NOS) SIMUS LAETI -AE)/
FELICES/BEATI/FORTUNATI

BONUS: Well, we will probably wake up Monday morning and still have no snow and we will still be unhappy. Write in Latin, "Oh that it had snowed."

(UTINAM/UT) NINXISSET

2) WRITE-DOWN: What three deities comprised the Capitoline triad worshipped in a large temple on the Capitoline Hill in Rome? JUPITER, JUNO, and MINERVA

BONUS: The early Romans believed that spirits inhabited most objects and were present for most activities. What were these spirits called? NUMINA

3) WRITE-DOWN: Which Roman emperor ruled the longest before the empire was divided in AD 395? AUGUSTUS (41 years if you count 27 BC-AD14)

BONUS: Which of the Julio-Claudian emperors ruled the briefest amount of time?
(GAIUS) CALIGULA (4 years, AD 37-41)

4) WRITE-DOWN: What was the name of the river of woe or lamentation in the Underworld?

ACHERON

BONUS: What was the name of the river of forgetfulness? LETHE

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5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the seated figure in this mosaic. EUROPA

BONUS: After her arrival in Europe, she would later give birth to three sons. Name them
MINOS, RHADAMANTHUS, AND SARPEDON

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- 6) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for calling out three times the name of the deceased?
CONCLAMATIO
BONUS: What Latin phrase does the poet Catullus use to bid farewell to his deceased brother?
AVE ATQUE VALE
- 7) TOSS-UP: In Book II of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, one of the most poignant scenes is Priam and Hecuba having to witness the death of their son at the hands of Neoptolemus. Who was this son so brutally killed before the eyes of his parents? POLITES
BONUS: Later in Book X, the son Evander had entrusted to Aeneas is killed in combat. What is the name of this son of Evander? PALLAS
- 8) TOSS-UP: To whom does Catullus refer when he writes that he is *tanto pessimus omnium poeta, quanto tu optimus omnium patronus*? (MARCUS TULLIUS) CICERO
BONUS: To whom does Catullus refer when he writes that *nec scire utrum sis albus an ater homo*? JULIUS CAESAR
- 9) TOSS-UP: The emperor Tiberius spent much of his time away from Rome. Because he was so paranoid, from what island in the Bay of Naples did he rule? CAPRI/CAPREAE
BONUS: Tiberius was so unhappy during the reign of Augustus that he spent several years on this island in the eastern Mediterranean. RHODES
- 10) TOSS-UP: What wealthy province was the sole possession of the Emperor Augustus and not controlled by the Senate? EGYPT/AEGYPTUS
BONUS: Besides its vast wealth, what commodity did Egypt produce for Rome and the Empire? GRAIN/WHEAT
- 11) TOSS-UP: After what battle did Vergil lose his family’s farm? PHILLIPI
BONUS: To what governor of Cisalpine Gaul did Vergil appeal in order to regain his property? (C. ASINIUS) POLLIO
- 12) TOSS-UP: What Latin adjective, found in the uncommon, dual form in the nominative, dative, and ablative means “both”? AMBO, AMBAE, AMBO
BONUS: What are the dative and ablative forms of this dual adjective? AMBOBUS, AMBABUS, AMBOBUS
- 13) TOSS-UP: Even though Ovid doesn’t tell us in the *Metamorphoses*, what is the name of the statue so artfully sculpted by Pygmalion? GALATEA
BONUS: Nine months after Pygmalion and Galatea were married, they were blessed by the birth of a baby boy. What was his name? PAPHOS
- 14) TOSS-UP: Much of the history of the Roman Republic is a conflict between the haves and the have-nots in Rome. When the plebeians seceded from the city in 494 BC, what Roman

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patrician persuaded them to return to the city by telling them the story of the belly and the limbs?
MENENIUS AGRIPPA

BONUS: After the plebeians returned to the city, what political office was created to protect their interests?
TRIBUNUS PLEBIS/TRIBUNE OF THE PLEBS

15) TOSS-UP: What was the Latin term for the father's acceptance of a child by picking up a child laid at his feet?
SUSCEPTIO

BONUS: Several days after the baby was born, he or she would be given a praenomen. What was this day called?
DIES LUSTRICUS

16) TOSS-UP: What Latin poet penned the opening line *Militat omnis amans, et habet sua castra Cupido*?
PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO/OVID

BONUS: What is the translation of this line? "EVERY LOVER IS A SOLDIER AND CUPID HAS HIS OWN CAMP" (or similar)

17) TOSS-UP: We all know of Apollo's oracle at Delphi, but he had two others. Name the site of another oracle to this god.
DELOS or CUMAE

BONUS: Name the other site of an oracle to Apollo.
DELOS or CUMAE (whichever one was not used to answer the toss-up)

18) TOSS-UP: The ancient Greeks and Romans are often called pagans for their religious beliefs, but what does the Latin term *paganus* literally mean?
ONE WHO DWELLS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (or similar)

BONUS: What more modern term, originating from the Latin, is used to refer to those tribes or clans which are not related to or descended from the original tribes of Israel?
GENTILE

19) TOSS-UP: Say in Latin, "this book is much better."
HIC LIBER EST MULTO MELIOR

BONUS: What use of the ablative case is illustrated by *multo melior*?
DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome to the Cinema Romana! What movies would the Romans have called *Vigil Mercatus*?
MALL COP

BONUS: What about the recent *Nondum Nati*?
THE UNBORN

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1) WRITE-DOWN: Many Latin teachers are members of the American Classical League. The ACL's motto is *Vestra Causa Tota Nostra Est*. What is the English translation for this motto?
YOUR CAUSE IS OUR WHOLE (CAUSE) (or similar)

BONUS: Many Latin students are members of the Junior Classical League, whose theme this year, attributed to Aesop, is *Fortuna Nobis Vi Animi Tantum Frenabitur*. What is the English translation for this sententia?
THE LEVEL OF OUR SUCCESS IS LIMITED ONLY BY OUR IMAGINATION

2) WRITE-DOWN: What did the Romans call the large structure built to house funerary urns?
COLUMBARIUM

BONUS: What was the site called where the Romans would cremate their dead?
USTRINUM

3) WRITE-DOWN: Poets just aren't lovers but sometimes fighters as well. In what battle did Horace as a military tribune fight under the command of Brutus?
PHILIPPI

BONUS: Since Horace fought on the losing side, his property was confiscated. After receiving pardon from Augustus, most likely for his poetic talents, who provided Horace with a farm in the Sabine Hills?
MAECENAS

4) WRITE-DOWN: Who was told by the oracle at Delphi to found a city where a cow he was to follow lay down?
CADMUS

BONUS: What city did Cadmus found?
THEBES

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5) WRITE-DOWN: What type of sacrifice is being depicted in this picture?
SUOVETAURILIA

BONUS: To what Roman deity originally associated with fertility were these three animals being sacrificed?
MARS

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6) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin term for the condemned criminal or prisoner of war who was forced to fight animals in the arena for the entertainment of others?

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BESTIARIUS

BONUS: There were other odd spectacles in Rome. What was the Latin term for the place where Romans would stage mock naval battles? NAUMACHIA

- 7) TOSS-UP: Congratulations! You have studied hard, aced all your tests, written some brilliant papers and essays, and graduated from school “with highest praise.” What is the Latin phrase for “with highest praise”? SUMMA CUM LAUDE

BONUS: What is the comparative form meaning “higher” from the irregular Latin adjective *summus*? SUPERIOR

- 8) TOSS-UP: To whom does Cicero refer when he exclaims, “*O tempora, o mores! Senatus haec intellegit. consul videt; hic tamen vivit. Vivit? immo vero etiam in senatum venit, fit publici consilii particeps, notat et designat oculis ad caedem unum quemque nostrum*”?

(LUCIUS SERGIUS) CATILINA/CATILINE

BONUS: What Greek poet, one of Cicero’s teachers, did the orator successfully defend? His speech, among other things, is a praise of poetry and education.

(AULUS LICINUS) ARCHIAS

- 9) TOSS-UP: After his expulsion from Rome, Tarquinius Priscus sought the aid of what Etruscan king in order to regain his throne? LARS PORSENA

BONUS: Lars Porsena was king of what Etruscan city? CLUSIUM

- 10) TOSS-UP: The collection of taxes is one of the easiest ways of procuring money for the treasury. What Roman emperor granted citizenship to all free males in the empire, probably in order to increase the tax rolls? CARACALLA

BONUS: Caracalla is probably best known for arranging the murder of his brother so that he did not have to share the throne after the death of his father Septimius Severus. Who was Caracalla’s unlucky brother? GETA

- 11) TOSS-UP: Question #11 is a Rhyme Time question. The answer must be a two-word, rhyming phrase. Here goes: In Book 4 of Vergil’s *Aeneid*, the poet describes a beautiful queen setting out with her hounds to go hunting. What are these dogs?

DIDO’S FIDOS

BONUS: The bonus question is also a Rhyme Time question. The “fiddling” emperor who had his meddling mother put to death delegated the task to these trustworthy and courageous folks.

NERO’S HEROES

- 12) Hector was the hero for the Trojans in the war against the Greeks. What was the name of his wife from whose arms he would leave for battle? ANDROMACHE

BONUS: What was the name of Andromache and Hector’s son who would cry when he saw his father outfitted in his armor? ASTYANAX

- 13) TOSS-UP: What island was also called Trinacria by the Greeks and the Romans. It was so-called because of its triangular shape. SICILY

BONUS: One of the symbols for Sicily has long been the triskelion, displaying three legs set in a spiral with the face of what mythological creature set in the center?

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GORGON MEDUSA

14) TOSS-UP: Back to Caracalla's murder of his brother Geta. The Arch of Septimius Severus in the Roman Forum shows signs that Geta's name was erased from the inscription.

What is the Latin phrase for the removal of any evidence that someone ever existed?

DAMNATIO MEMORIAE

BONUS: Together with Livilla, Tiberius allowed for the *damnatio memoriae* of this man who plotted to overthrow him and seize control of the empire. SEJANUS

15) TOSS-UP: Who was the Roman goddess of flowers and spring? FLORA

BONUS: To what wind god, also in control of plants and flowers, was Flora married?

FAVONIUS

16) TOSS-UP: What do the following words all have in common: *columba*, *bubo*, *passer*?

BIRDS

BONUS: Identify each of these birds. COLUMBA = DOVE

BUBO = OWL

PASSER = SPARROW

17) TOSS-UP: Heracles was the son of Zeus and the mortal Alcmene. It didn't matter to the king of the gods that Alcmene was already married to this man. What was his name?

AMPHITRYON

BONUS: Heracles would go on to live his eventful life and have three wives. Name them.

MEGARA, DEIANIRA, and HEBE

18) TOSS-UP: According to Livy, at the establishment of the Republic, the Romans created a new position, later appointed by the Pontifex Maximus and having no political authority, to take over the religious duties of the king. What was the Latin name for this religious post?

REX SACRORUM

BONUS: What was the Latin name for the Roman priests who presided over the declaration of war, the signing of peace treaties, and who served as ambassadors? FETIALES

19) TOSS-UP: War can be tough on relationships. To whom was Lavinia betrothed before the arrival of Aeneas in Latium? TURNUS

BONUS: What suitor of Cassandra found himself stuck in Troy after the arrival of the Greeks? COROEBUS

20) TOSS-UP: You stayed for a double-feature at the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Inferi: Ortus Lycanorum*? UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS

BONUS: What about *Provocatio*? DEFIANCE

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: Who was known as the father of Roman drama and epic poetry ? He was famous for his translation of Homer's *Odyssey* into Latin. (L.) LIVIUS ANDRONICUS
BONUS: In what meter did Livius Andronicus write? It was unknown to the later classical Roman authors. SATURNIAN
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: In his *Amores*, Ovid writes about letters he writes to his beloved Corinna and the response he expects to get from her. These letters were written on wax tablets. What was a single wax tablet called? TABULA/TABELLA
BONUS: What is the Latin term for individual pages bound together like a book. The Romans used this to replace the scroll. CODEX
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: The Gauls were long a thorn in the sides of the Romans until Julius Caesar reigned them in. What Gaul leader led the sack of Rome in 390 BC? BRENNUS
BONUS: Brennus led what tribe of Gauls into Rome in 390 BC? SENNONES
- 4) Who was turned into a laurel tree by her father in order to escape from the clutches of an amorous Apollo? DAPHNE
BONUS: Apollo was truly unlucky in love. Who rejected Apollo and chose a mortal husband instead so that she could grow old together with her husband? MARPESSA

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: What formation is the Roman army employing in their attack upon the fort in this picture? TESTUDO
BONUS: This relief is from the Column of Trajan and represents Rome's victory over what people? DACIANS

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- 6) TOSS-UP: Roman children would run out to the street to watch a wedding procession go by in order to catch what goodies being thrown to the crowd? NUTS
BONUS: What was the Latin term for the wedding procession to the couple's new home? DEDUCTIO
- 7) TOSS-UP: The Emperor Caligula once said, "*Oderint dum metuant!*" Translate that Latin phrase into English. LET THEM HATE (ME) PROVIDED THAT THEY FEAR (ME) (or similar)
BONUS: Explain how or why we are translating the perfect tense *Oderint* as "Let them hate." THE DEFECTIVE VERB *ODI* IS ONLY FOUND IN THE PERFECT SYSTEM
- 8) WRITE-DOWN: Philosophy often advocates performing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. What is the Latin expression for "the greatest good"? SUMMUM BONUM
BONUS: When the world gets to be a hectic place, we all like to retreat to our own private place. What is the Latin expression, related to the English word "sanctuary" for our own very private place? SANCTUM SANCTORUM
- 9) TOSS-UP: One of the big events of the Summer of 2008 was the Olympic Games in Beijing, China. These games have certainly come a long way from a plain in the western Peloponessus. To what god were the original Olympic games dedicated? ZEUS
BONUS: The Olympic Games were only one of four games held on a rotating basis in Greece. What deity did the Pythian Games held at Delphi honor? APOLLO
- 10) TOSS-UP: What was the site of Rome's first naval victory over the Carthage in 260 BC? MYLAE
BONUS: Who was the Roman commander who had created Rome's first navy and led them to their inaugural victory? (GAIUS) DUILLIUS
- 11) TOSS-UP: What Roman poet wrote: "*Ille mi par esse deo videtur, / ille, si fas est, superare divos...*" (GAIUS VALERIUS) CATULLUS
BONUS: These words of Catullus are actually a translation of what Greek poetess? SAPPHO
- 12) TOSS-UP: Sometimes it's hard to believe that things are going so badly. What is the English translation for Vergil's eternal question, *Tantaene animis caelestibus irae?* ARE THERE SUCH GREAT ANGERS IN HEAVENLY HEARTS?
BONUS: Sometimes it's difficult to determine who's really in charge. What is the English translation for Juvenal's quip *Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?* WHO WILL GUARD THE GUARDS THEMSELVES?
- 13) TOSS-UP: When Dionysus was captured by pirates, he changed them into what animal? DOLPHINS

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BONUS: What Greek poet was saved by dolphins after jumping into the water to escape from pirates on his way home from a competition? ARION

14) TOSS-UP: What wealthy Roman general mounted a military campaign against the Parthians in 53 BC? He lost, was captured, and killed. (MARCUS LICINIUS) CRASSUS

BONUS: At what battle did Crassus lose, was captured, and killed? CARRHAE

15) TOSS-UP: Roman emperors sought to make their mark on Rome by leaving monuments or other useful constructions. Which emperor removed a big chunk of the Quirinal Hill and built a forum in his name containing a semicircular market whose ruins are still visible today? TRAJAN

BONUS: Another feature of the forum were two libraries flanking a large column depicting the war against the Dacians. Why were their two different libraries?

ONE WAS FOR GREEK WORKS, THE OTHER LATIN

16) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin title of the earliest surviving work of Latin prose?

DE AGRI CULTURA

BONUS: Who was the author of this work on Roman farming?

CATO THE ELDER

17) TOSS-UP: Who was the father of Odysseus?

LAERTES

BONUS: Some versions of the myth claim that Sisyphus was the father of Odysseus before his mother married Laertes. Who was Odysseus' mother? ANTICLEIA

18) TOSS-UP: What is the Latin term for the four-sided dice, usually made from pigs' knuckles?

TALI

BONUS: What is the Latin term for the six-sided dice, similar to the ones we use today in gaming? TESSERAE

19) TOSS-UP: To what city did Jason and the Argonauts have to sail in order to find the Golden Fleece? COLCHIS

BONUS: In what country today would ancient Colchis be located? GEORGIA

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Canis Suburae Perdives*? SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

BONUS: What about *Fabulae Ante Tempus Dormiendi Narratae*? BEDTIME STORIES

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- 1) WRITE-DOWN: We've all had great and not-so-great teachers. What Roman poet complained in his works of a certain *plagosus Orbilius*? HORACE
BONUS: Pliny the Younger made his way to Rome and ended up a pupil of what great rhetorician, the author of the *Institutio Oratoria*, and, like Pliny, also a native of the province of Hispania? QUINTILIAN
- 2) WRITE-DOWN: The Romans had the equivalent of the plantation worked by large numbers of slaves. What was this large rural estate called? LATIFUNDIUM
BONUS: What is the term for a large workshop employing slaves, usually bound to their by chains? ERGASTULUM
- 3) WRITE-DOWN: The Roman emperors Galba, Otho, Vitellius, and Vespasian all ruled in the same year, known as the Year of the Four Emperors. What years was this? AD 69
BONUS: History has always been known to repeat itself. What later year also saw the rule of Commodus, Pertinax, Didius Julianus, and Septimius Severus? AD 193
- 4) WRITE-DOWN: What Trojan king refused to pay Apollo and Poseidon after they built the walls of Troy? LAOMEDON
BONUS: Laomedon also stiffed Hercules after he rescued his daughter from a sea monster. What was her name? HESIONE

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- 5) WRITE-DOWN: Identify the two people in this picture. PHRIXUS AND HELLE
BONUS: Whom were Phrixus and Helle fleeing in this picture? INO

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- 6) TOSS-UP: According to Roman tradition, what was the name of the pit which served as the entrance into the Underworld? MUNDUS
BONUS: What else does *mundus* mean in Latin? WORLD/HEAVENS/UNIVERSE

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- 7) TOSS-UP: There have been numerous works title *Metamorphoses* throughout literary history. What Roman writer penned the *Metamorphoses* which serves as the source of the story of Cupid and Psyche? APULEIUS
BONUS: By what more common name is Apuleius' *Metamorphoses* called? THE GOLDEN ASS
- 8) TOSS-UP: At what battle in 321 BC did the Samnites defeat the Romans and force them "under the yoke"? CAUDINE FORKS
BONUS: What Roman general insured a victory against the Samnites at Sentinum in 295 BC after performing a *devotio*, or self-sacrifice to the gods? (P.) DECIUS MUS
- 9) TOSS-UP: To what does Horace refer when he states *exegi monumentum aere perennius*? HIS POETRY
BONUS: What does it mean when Horace claims in his poetry *vitabit Libitinam*? HE WILL AVOID DEATH/OBSCURITY
- 10) TOSS-UP: What nephew of Augustus was married to his daughter Julia and was often seen with the emperor in public? Most assumed he would succeed the emperor after his death. Unfortunately this favorite of the Roman people predeceased the Augustus. Who was he? (MARCUS CLAUDIUS) MARCELLUS
BONUS: In what year did the Emperor Augustus die? AD14
- 11) TOSS-UP: Many Latin teachers in our state are members of the Classical Association of Virginia. The Latin motto of CAV is *Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit*. From which classical Latin author does this motto come? VERGIL
BONUS: What is the English translation of this motto? PERHAPS ONE DAY IT WILL HELP TO REMEMBER THESE THINGS (or similar)
- 12) TOSS-UP: The goddess Eos so loved the mortal Tithonus that she gained for him eternal life. Unfortunately, she was not very careful in her request. What essential thing did she not request? ETERNAL YOUTH
BONUS: The immortal Tithonus continued to age and wither away until he became what insect? GRASSHOPPER
- 13) TOSS-UP: What Roman poet of the Augustan Age wrote *Ars Amatoria*, *Remedia Amoris*, and *Amores*? PUBLIUS OVIDIUS NASO/OVID
BONUS: What poems, detailing his miserable life and pleading for allowance to return to Rome, did Ovid write in exile at Tomi? TRISTIA or EPISTULAE EX PONTO
- 14) TOSS-UP: What Roman politician and general was the first to march on Rome, revived the office of dictator, made changes to the Roman constitution, and then retired to private life? (LUCIUS CORNELIUS) SULLA
BONUS: Sulla used particularly harsh measures to defeat his enemies. What is the practice called where you publish a list of names who can be put to death and have their property confiscated without penalty or punishment? PROSCRIPTION

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15) TOSS-UP: Quem Perseus, Medusā interfectā, a monstro eripuit et in matrimonium duxit?

ANDROMEDA

BONUS: Quod nomen erat monstro a quo Andromeda erepta est? CETO

16) TOSS-UP: From what Roman province were such Roman writers as Seneca, Martial, and probably Juvenal born?

HISPANIA/SPAIN

BONUS: After which Punic War did Rome gain control of most of the Iberian Peninsula?

SECOND PUNIC WAR

17) TOSS-UP: What aged couple were told to throw the bones of their mother over their shoulders to repopulate the Earth after a great flood?

DEUCALION AND PYRRHA

BONUS: Who was Deucalion and Pyrrha's son who became the founder of the Greeks?

HELLEN

18) TOSS-UP: What in ancient Rome was a *vomitorium*? AN ENTRANCEWAY INTO A THEATER OR AMPHITHEATER (NOT A ROOM IN WHICH TO VOMIT)

BONUS: What author of *The Satyricon* may have inspired the story that Romans would overeat and then regurgitate in order to continue binging? PETRONIUS

19) TOSS-UP: What figure of speech is illustrated in this passage from Catullus (emphasize the underlined words): *Da mi basia mille, deinde centum/ dein mille altera, dein secunda centum/ deinde usque alter mille, deinde centum.* ANAPHORA (accept HYPERBOLE)

BONUS: What figure of speech is illustrated by this passage from Vergil: *Longa tibi exsilia et vastum maris aequor arandum* = "long exiles and the vast plain of the sea must be plowed by you"? ZEUGMA

20) TOSS-UP: Welcome back to our final visit to the Cinema Romana! What movie would the Romans have called *Non Fracti Facile*?

NOT EASILY BROKEN

BONUS: What about *Cor Ex Atramento*?

INKHEART

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