

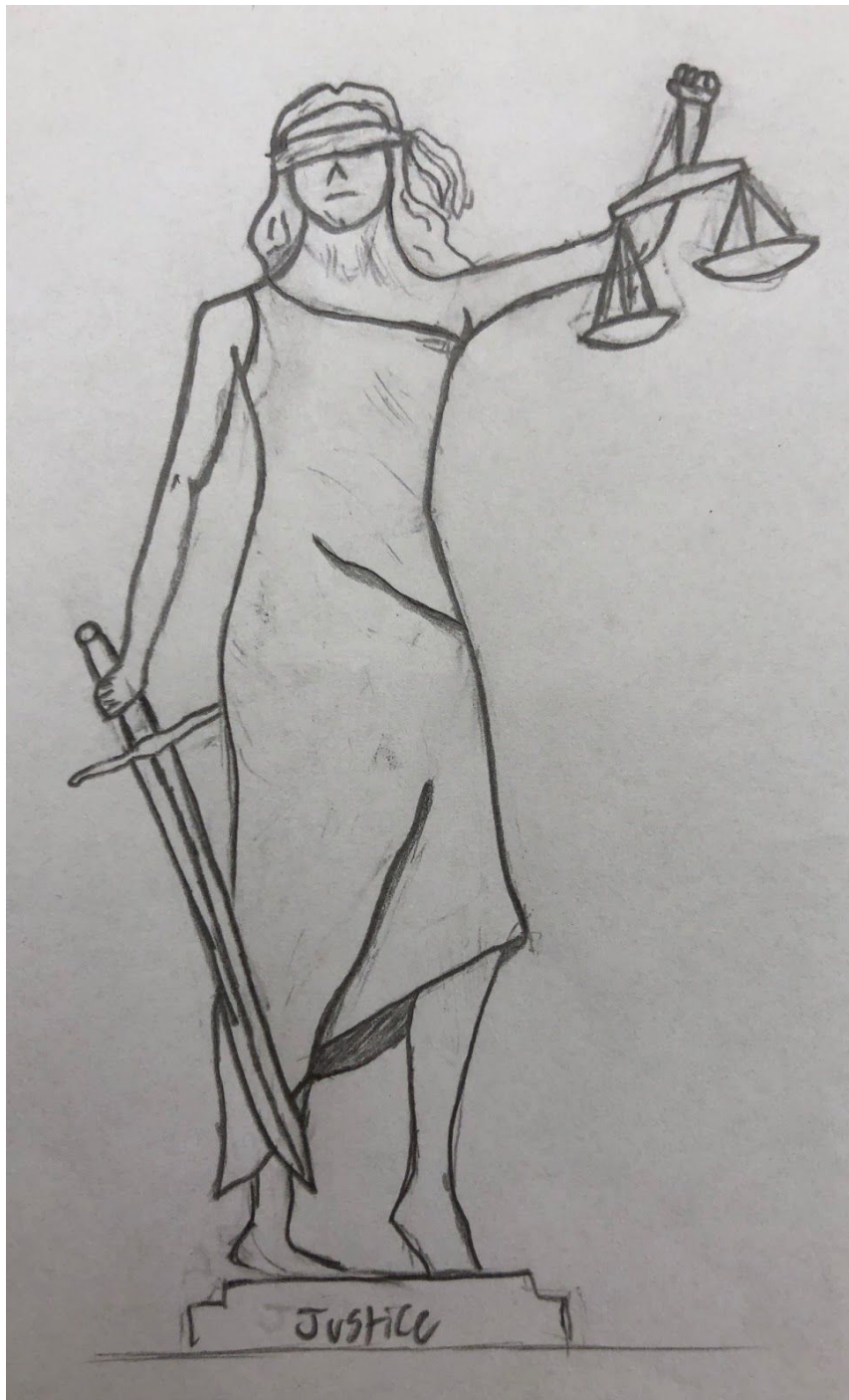
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WELCOME TO THE WINCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL JCL LATIN CLUB NEWSLETTER! WE ARE PART OF THE WINCHESTER MA CHAPTER AND THIS IS THE FEBRUARY 29 EDITION.

THIS MONTH WE HAVE CELEBRATED PRESIDENT'S DAY, AND WE ARE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS OF PREPARATION FOR THE NATIONAL LATIN EXAMS AND THE JCL CONVENTION.

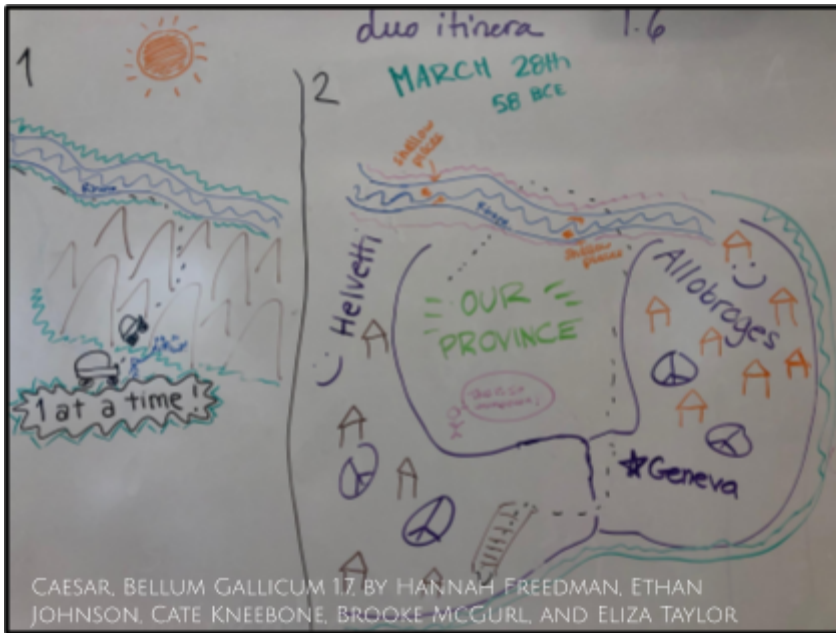


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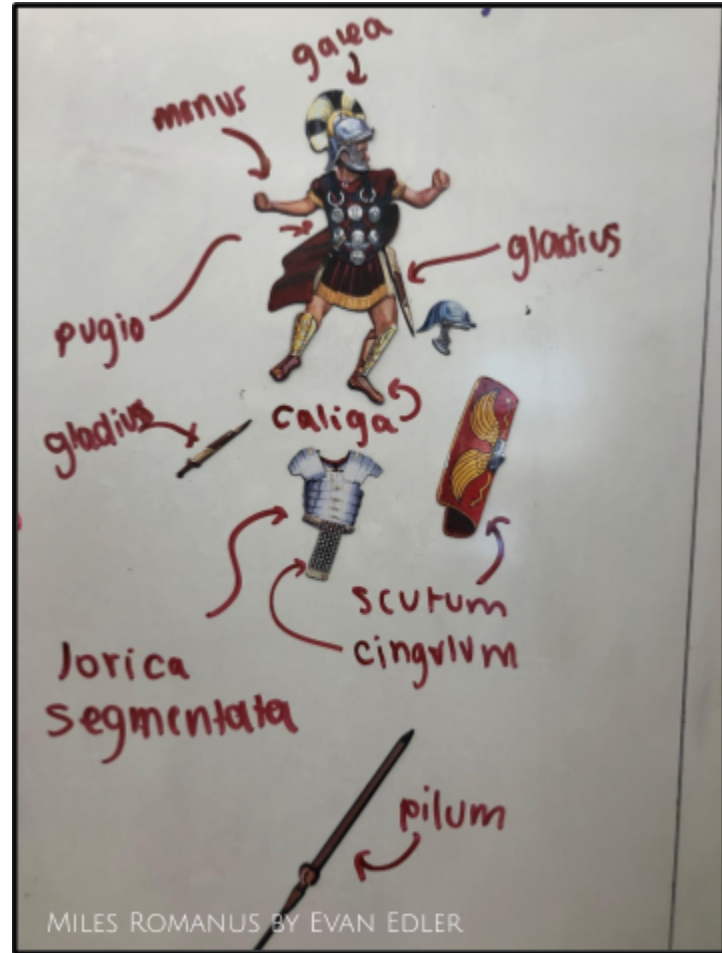
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CAESAR, BELLUM GALLICUM 1.7, BY HANNAH FREEDMAN, ETHAN JOHNSON, CATE KNEEBONE, BROOKE MCGURL, AND ELIZA TAYLOR



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A CREATIVE WRITING PIECE BY ZO CLARKE  
IRA IN HERCULANEO



CHARACTERS:

EMERICUS: A SLAVE, THE POV CHARACTER, FIFTEEN YEARS OLD AND ACQUIRED AS A CHILD FROM GAUL.

HYPATUS: EMERICUS'S MASTER, A WEALTHY CITIZEN WITH A VERY EXPENSIVE AND CAREFULLY MAINTAINED VILLA ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HERCULANEUM.

JULIA: HYPATUS'S WIFE, AND AN AVID COLLECTOR OF JEWELRY.

NICOLAUS: ANOTHER ONE OF HYPATUS'S SLAVES, AND THE TUTOR OF HIS YOUNGEST SON, TERTIUS.

TERTIUS: THE YOUNGEST OF HYPATUS'S SONS, SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, AND WITH A STREAK OF RULE-BREAKING.

HYPATIA: HYPATUS'S ONLY DAUGHTER, AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD WITH AN ENTHUSIASTIC PERSONALITY.

AQUILA: HYPATIA'S NURSE AND CARETAKER, SOMEWHERE IN HER LATE FIFTIES.

DRUSUS: ANOTHER ONE OF HYPATUS'S SLAVES, A MAN IN HIS THIRTIES, WHO RESENTS NOT BEING MANUMITTED.

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AD VIII KAL. SEPT.

I WOKE EARLIER THAN USUAL THIS MORNING. I WANT TO GET MY REGULAR WORK DONE AND OVER WITH, SO I WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO INTO TOWN WITH TERTIUS. DRUSUS IS COMING TOO, TO KEEP TERTIUS IN LINE, THOUGH I DON'T SEE WHY OUR MASTER HYPATUS CHOSE HIM, AND NOT NICOLAUS. PERHAPS NICOLAUS IS SIMPLY TOO OLD. HE IS IN HIS FIFTIES AND MOVES TOO SLOWLY TO KEEP UP WITH TERTIUS AND HIS RECKLESS BEHAVIOR. DRAUUS, HOWEVER, IS CONFRONTATIONAL AND SURLY. HE SCOFFS AT ME WHEN I PASS BY HIM AND TEASES ME FOR WORKING SO HARD. "YOU'LL NEVER BE MANUMITTED," HE SAYS. "LOOK AT ME! I'M THIRTY-TWO AND I HAVEN'T BEEN FREED! HYPATUS WILL NEVER FREE ANY OF US!"

AD II KAL. SEPT.

A SLOW DAY. I HELPED NICOLAUS WITH A FEW MINOR TASKS, BUT I HAVE HAD LITTLE ELSE TO DO. HYPATUS IS OUT OF TOWN, TERTIUS IS AT SCHOOL, AND DRUSUS CAME WITH HIM FOR

PROTECTION. BESIDES NICOLAUS, ONLY JULIA, HYPATIA AND AQUILA REMAIN, AND THE THREE OF THEM ARE OFF WITH EACH OTHER AND LEAVE ME ALONE. I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GLAD, AND I AM, BUT I AM ALSO BORED. PERHAPS I'LL GO FOR A SWIM. OR, IF ALL ELSE FAILS, I'LL START CLEANING RANDOM THINGS. THAT WILL AT LEAST KEEP ME OCCUPIED.

NON. SEPT.

I'VE BEEN SAVING DILIGENTLY, AND I'VE MANAGED TO PUT ASIDE SOME PECULIUM. IT'S NOT MUCH, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING AT ALL. I FIGURED I SHOULD START TRYING TO PUT SOME ASIDE FOR THE FUTURE. NICOLAUS SAYS THAT IT IS WISE, THOUGH HE HIMSELF DOES NOT HAVE ANY MONEY. HE SAYS HE FEELS HE IS TOO OLD TO TRY AND MAKE A NEW LIFE, AND SO THINKS IT POINTLESS. DRUSUS HAD SOME MONEY PUT AWAY, BUT NOW IT SEEMS HE DOESN'T. HE WON'T TELL ME WHAT HE'S DONE WITH IT, AND THE LOOK IN HIS EYES WHEN I ASK SCARES ME, SO I AVOID QUESTIONING HIM.

ID. SEPT

NICOLAUS WAS TELLING STORIES TO PASS THE TIME AS WE WORKED. THE KITCHEN NEEDED TO BE CLEANED, FOR HYPATUS IS HOSTING FRIENDS TONIGHT, AND ALL AVAILABLE SPACE WILL BE NEEDED TO PREPARE THE MEAL. IT WAS EARLY, SO HYPATUS WAS STILL GREETING HIS CLIENTS. HE LEFT FOR THE FORUM SOON AFTER, AS HE NOT ONLY HAS HIS BUSINESS, BUT HE IS CURRENTLY CAMPAIGNING FOR ELECTION. HE IS INDEED A BUSY MAN. HIS WIFE JULIA WAS STILL GETTING DRESSED, EVEN BY THE TIME HE LEFT. SHE WANTED HER HAIR DONE UP IN A VERY COMPLEX STYLE, AND HER ANCILLA WAS STRUGGLING WITH IT. THOUGH SHE IS KIND, SHE CAN BE INSUFFERABLY VAIN. NICOLAUS AND I ATE TOGETHER AT LUNCH, OR RATHER, THE TWO OF US FILCHED BITS AND PIECES OF THE EVENING MEAL HE WAS WORKING ON. HE WENT ON AND ON ABOUT HOW I WAS AS A TODDLER WHEN I WAS FIRST BROUGHT HERE. HE LIKES TO TEASE ME, MUCH TO MY ANNOYANCE.

ID. SEPT(NOX)

THE DINNER, OR CENA, WENT WELL! ALL HIS GUESTS WERE PLEASED, AND NOT ONE OF THEM REPRIMANDED OR YELLED AT ME AS I WENT ABOUT SERVING THEM. THERE WERE SIX OF THEM IN TOTAL. ANY MORE, AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO MORE SPACE ON THE COUCHES, BUT AS IT WAS, THERE WAS NO PROBLEM.

AD V KAL. NOV.

DRUSUS IS GONE AGAIN TODAY. NICOLAUS SAYS HE WENT INTO TOWN, BUT EVEN HE SEEMS SUSPICIOUS. I'LL ADMIT THAT HE SCARES ME. THE LOOK IN DRUSUS'S EYES THIS MORNING WAS ONE OF TWISTED GLEE, AND JUST THINKING ABOUT IT TERRIFIES ME.

AD IV KAL. NOV.

DRUSUS HAS RETURNED, AFTER HALF A DAY AND A NIGHT SPENT AWAY. NO ONE DARES TO ASK WHAT HE WAS DOING, OR BRING ATTENTION TO HIS ABSENCE. HE WORKS AS USUAL, BUT I CANNOT SHAKE THE FEELING THAT THERE IS SOMETHING FURTIVE IN HIS EYES. LIKE HE IS PLANNING SOMETHING.

AD III KAL. NOV.

I AM WRITING AS QUICKLY AS I CAN, FOR THE HOUSE IS IN CHAOS. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED, BUT I HEAR YELLING AND WAILING, AND MANY PAIRS OF FEET RUSHING UP AND DOWN THE STAIRS AND I FEEL PANICKED, BUT I SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO WORRY. WHATEVER THE EXCITEMENT IS, HYPATUS WILL BE ABLE TO SETTLE EVERYTHING DOWN. I AM SURPRISED HE HASN'T DONE SO ALREADY.

PICTURES TAKEN BY MEGAN LEVESQUE OF A ROMAN RUIN IN FRANCE



## THE SACRED CHICKENS BY GRACE REBENTISCH



IN ANCIENT TIMES, SACRED CHICKENS WERE USED AS OMENS TO DETECT THE FUTURE BY THE ROMANS. THEY WERE RAISED BY PRIESTS, AND IT'S BEEN SAID THAT NO ACTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE ROMAN SENATE OR THE ARMIES WITHOUT AN OMEN BEING MADE BY THEM. THE BATTLE OF DREPANA SIGNIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PROPHECIES DUE TO THE DEFEAT THAT THEY SUFFERED. THE ROMAN SENIOR CONSUL, PUBLIUS CLAUDIUS PULCHER, WENT TO THE SACRED CHICKENS FOR THEIR AUGURY. UPON FINDING THEM NOT HUNGRY FOR FOOD --THE SIGN OF AN ILL-FATED VENTURE-- PULCHER THREW THEM INTO THE SEA, EXCLAIMING THAT IF THEY WERE NOT HUNGRY, PERHAPS THEY SHOULD DRINK. THE BATTLE QUICKLY BECAME A GIANT LOSS FOR THE ROMANS, AS THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY THE CARTHIGINIAN BOATS, AND THE ROMANS HAD 93 BOATS CAPTURED AND 20,000 MEN KILLED OR CAPTURED. UPON HIS RETURN, PULCHER WAS RECALLED FROM BATTLE AND CONVICTED OF TREASON, AND THE LESSER CHARGE OF SACRILEGE OF THE SACRED CHICKENS. HE VERY NARROWLY ESCAPED THE DEATH PENALTY AND WAS EXILED.

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