

AP LATIN

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

READ: Vergil's *Aeneid* & Caesar's *Bellum Gallicum* in ENGLISH

The AP Latin assignment for the summer is to read, in English, Vergil's *Aeneid* Books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12, and Caesar's *Bellum Gallicum*, Books 1, 6 and 7, and then complete the following worksheet.

For the *Aeneid*, you may read either a book (I recommend David West's prose translation as it is the "most readable," Fagles' translation, the most recent, (but Fitzgerald's is more literal) or A.S. Kline's translation on line, <http://www.poetryintranslation.com/PITBR/Latin/Virgilhome.htm>



For Caesar's *Bellum Gallicum*, <http://classics.mit.edu/Caesar/gallic.html>, offers an excellent online translation. Caesar: *The Gallic War* (Loeb Classical Library) H. J. Edwards translator, offers the Latin text, on facing pages, along with the English.

The point of this assignment is to become familiar with the two works. It is critical that you know the **characters, people, and events** of both the *Aeneid* and *Bellum Gallicum*. Throughout the year you will have tests and quizzes on both the parts of the *Aeneid* and *Bellum Gallicum* read in Latin, as well as the parts read in English.

This assignment is due when we return to school in the Fall '20. Please submit digitally.

VERGIL 70 -19 B.C.E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Where was Vergil born?
2. What did he write before he wrote The Aeneid?
3. How is The Aeneid like The Iliad and The Odyssey?
4. How is Aeneas like Achilles and Odysseus?
5. How does he differ from Achilles and Odysseus? What city is Aeneas supposed to be the ancestor of?
6. What two important Roman qualities does Aeneas exemplify?
7. In what meter is The Aeneid written?
8. What is the difference in word order between a Latin sentence and an English one?
9. How does this difference provide the Latin poet with greater possibilities for emphasis?
10. What type of poem is the Aeneid?
11. List at least 5 characteristics of this type of poem.

BOOK I

- 1. What are the themes of the *Aeneid*? What is the central one?
- 2. Which goddess was particularly angry with Aeneas? Why was she angry?
- 3. What prophecy does she fear?
- 4. What is Aeneas's task?
- 5. Who lets out the winds?
- 6. Who calms the stormy seas?
- 7. To what ruler is this man compared?
- 8. To what city do Aeneas and Achates come?
- 9. What is Aeneas envious of?
- 10. Who is building a shrine for Juno? What is her position?
- 11. What do Aeneas and Achates see on the walls of the temple?
- 12. How is Dido described?
- 13. Why doesn't anyone see Aeneas?
- 14. Who does Aeneas see with Dido?
- 15. What do these men complain about to Dido?
- 16. What do they say about Aeneas?
- 17. What response does Dido give to their appeal?
- 18. What does Aphrodite do for Aeneas when Dido first sees him?
- 19. What does Dido do for the Trojans immediately?

BOOK II

- 1. What is Aeneas going to tell Dido?
- 2. What trick does Aeneas describe?
- 3. Which Trojan does not trust the Greeks?
- 4. What Greek has been left behind to deceive the Trojans? What explanation does he have for being there?
- 5. What is Priam's reaction to Sinon?
- 6. Why was the horse built so large, according to Sinon?
- 7. What happened to Laocoon?

- 8. What do the Trojans decide must be done?
- 9. What omens did the Trojans ignore?
- 10. Who warns Aeneas to flee?
- 11. What is Aeneas' immediate response?
- 12. What news does Panthus bring?
- 13. What does Aeneas do for the next few hours?
- 14. Why is he so successful for a while?
- 15. What happens to Priam?
- 16. Who does Aeneas want to kill?
- 17. Who stops him? What does the scene remind you of?
- 18. What does Aeneas see when the cloud is torn away?
- 19. What does Venus advise?
- 20. What is the fall of Troy compared to?
- 21. What problem does Aeneas meet when he gets home?
- 22. What omens finally convince Anchises?
- 23. Describe the procession as Aeneas leaves Troy.
- 24. What happens as they leave?
- 25. How does Aeneas react to the crisis?
- 26. Who finally convinces him to leave?

BOOK IV

- 1. What has happened to Dido?
- 2. Why does this upset her?
- 3. What is Anna's opinion on the subject?
- 4. What method does Dido use to determine her future?
- 5. How rational is Dido at this time?
- 6. What happens because of Dido's feelings?
- 7. Which divinities plot the romance between Aeneas and Dido?
- 8. Is there really a wedding?
- 9. What is Rumor saying?
- 10. Who is upset by their relationship? To whom does he pray?
- 11. Which gods take action?
- 12. Why are they upset with Aeneas?
- 13. What does the messenger wear and carry?
- 14. How does Aeneas react?
- 15. Are his men cooperative?
- 16. How does Dido find out his plan?
- 17. What is Aeneas' defense?
- 18. Why is Aeneas' response so firm and unemotional?
- 19. Does Dido understand his response? What does she threaten?
- 20. How are the Trojans described as they prepare their ships?
- 21. What message does Dido send by Anna? Does Aeneas listen?
- 22. In your opinion, is Aeneas being selfish or cruel? WHY?
- 23. What does Dido resolve to do?
- 24. How does she gain Anna's cooperation?
- 25. What do they build?
- 26. What is Dido's reasoning for her actions?

- 27. Why does Aeneas get up early and set sail?
- 28. What attitude does Dido now have toward
- 29. What does Dido do?
- 30. What future does she want for Aeneas?
- 31. How does she kill herself?
- 32. Who laments her death?
- 33. How do the gods respond to her death?

BOOK VI

- 1. Where does Aeneas go? Who accompanies him?
- 2. Who else has made a similar journey?
- 3. Why can't Palinurus get on the boat?
- 4. Why does Charon object to Aeneas?
- 5. How does the Sybil convince Charon?
- 6. How do the Trojan warriors respond when they see Aeneas in Hades?
- 7. How do the Greeks respond?
- 8. What had Aeneas done for Deiphobus? Who was responsible for killing him?
- 9. How is Hades divided?
- 10. What does Aeneas ask the Sibyl?
- 11. To which part of Hades does Aeneas go?
- 12. For whom is Aeneas looking?
- 13. Where is he found?
- 14. How do they greet each other?
- 15. What earlier scene does this resemble? What important information does this person give Aeneas
- 16. What are the souls beside the river doing?
- 17. How does Aeneas exit Hades?

BOOK VIII

- 1. What special gift does Aeneas get from Venus? Have we seen a similar scene elsewhere?
- 2. What is recorded on it?
- 3. Who is mentioned here?

BOOK XII

- 1. Who does Turnus remind you of? Who is trying to prevent his death?
- 2. What is Jupiter's opinion of Juno's behavior?
- 3. What is Juno's request?
- 4. What convinces Aeneas to kill Turnus?
- 5. Do you think Aeneas would have killed Turnus if he had not seen the belt?

CAESAR (100-44 B.C.) BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1. To whom did Caesar trace his ancestry?
- 2. How is this connected to the Aeneid?
- 3. To what GENRE of writing does Caesar's *Bellum Gallicum* belong?
- 4. Briefly explain the controversies surrounding Caesar's election as Pontifex Maximus in 63 B.C.?
- 5. How did governing Spain help Caesar?
- 6. When was he elected consul?

- 7. Who were the members of the first Triumvirate?
- 8. How did this group help Caesar?
- 9. Where and for how long did Caesar hold his longest Proconulship?

BELLUM GALLICUM BOOK I (ENTIRE)

- 1. Gaul is divided into how many parts?
- 2. What does Orgetorix want the Helvetii to do?
- 3. What happened to Orgetorix?
- 4. What do the Helvetii do?
- 5. What does Caesar do (finish answer with events in chapter 8)?
- 6. What is it that the Tigurine had done to make Caesar dislike them?
- 7. Who is Dumnorix, and what issues does Caesar have with him?
- 8. Who is Diviacus and what is Caesar's relationship with him?
- 9. Who is Vercingetorix?

BELLUM GALLICUM BOOK VI (ENTIRE)

- 1. Who is Ambiorix?
 - 2. How do his actions affect his relationship with Caesar?
 - 3. How does Caesar respond?
- (Chapters 13-20 specific questions) follow.
- 5. Who are the Druids?
 - 6. How does one become a Druid?
 - 7. Who are the Knights?
 - 8. Which gods do the Gauls worship?
 - 9. How are rumors concerning the State, dealt with among the Gauls?
- (End Chapter 13-20 Questions)



BELLUM GALLICUM BOOK VII (ENTIRE)

- 1. What happens when Caesar goes to Italy?
- 2. Who is Vercingetorix and what does he do?
- 3. What does Caesar do?
- 4. What do the Gauls do to their towns? Why?
- 5. What does it seem the Gauls do every time Caesar's attention is diverted?
- 6. Briefly describe how Caesar goes about besieging Alesia.
- 7. Describe Caesar's actions during the Gauls assault on Alesia.
- 8. What happens to Vercingetorix and the Gauls after the battle?