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Passage 1

The Carthaginian Hannibal, who as a child had sworn an oath to hate the Romans, visits king Antiochus and persuades him to take up arms against Rome.

Hannibal adopted his father's hatred of the Romans. Even in exile, when he was dependent on the aid of foreigners, he never gave up this hostility.

ubi Hannibal puer erat novem annorum, pater eius in Hispaniam proficiscens Iovi sacrificium¹ fecit. simul Hannibalem rogavit num secum in castra ire vellet. quod cum Hannibal libenter accepisset, patrem orare coepit ne dubitaret se ducere. ille 'id faciam,' inquit, 'si mihi fidem dederis quam postulo.' tum pater filium ad aram duxit in qua sacrificium¹ facere coeperat et, omnibus militibus remotis, aram tenere iussit et iurare² se numquam in amicitia³ cum Romanis fore. id iusiurandum⁴ Hannibal per totam vitam servavit.

ubi Antiochum, regem Asiae, visitabat⁵, cognovit regem legatos Romanos accepisse. cum timeret ne Antiochus Romanis faveret, ad regem festinavit. 'si,' inquit, 'auxilium Romanis offerre in animo habebis, noli mihi id dicere; si tamen bellum parabis, te oro ut me militibus praeficias.' his dictis rex erat tam cupidus belli gerendi ut statim arma ad Romam oppugnandam paraverit.

Based on Nepos, Hannibal 2

Names

Hannibal, -alis (m)
Hispania, -ae (f)
Spain
Iuppiter, Iovis (m)
Antiochus, -i (m)
Asia, -ae (f)
Hannibal
Spain
Jupiter
Antiochus
Antiochus
Asia

Words

1 sacrificium, -i (n)sacrifice2 iuro, -are, -avi, -atusI swear3 amicitia, -ae (f)friendship4 iusiurandum, -i (n)oath5 visito, -are, -avi, -atusI visit

Passage 2

Cicero is defending Gaius Rabirius on a charge of having murdered Lucius Saturninus many years previously. Cicero believes that Rabirius is innocent, but would happily admit his guilt, because Saturninus was an enemy of the Roman constitution. He addresses his comments to the prosecuting barrister.

It is not the guilt associated with his crime nor hatred of his political career which have brought Rabirius to trial; it is rather an attempt to weaken the foundations of our state.

nunc de Saturnini crimine dicemus. arguis¹ occisum esse a C. Rabirio L. Saturninum. libenter confiterer², si vere possem, C. Rabiri manu L. Saturninum occisum esse, et id facinus pulcherrimum esse putarem; sed, quoniam id facere non possum, confitebor² id quod ad laudem minus valebit³, sed ad crimen magis. confiteor² interficiendi Saturnini causa C. Rabirium arma cepisse. si arma iuste sumpta esse concedis⁴, iuste interfectum esse concedere⁴ necesse est.

Cicero, pro Rabirio VI.18-19 (adapted)

Names

L. Saturninus, -i (m) C. Rabirius, -i (m) Lucius Saturninus Gaius Rabirius

Words

¹arguo, -ere, -ui, -utus ²confiteor, -eri, -fessus sum ³valeo, valere, valui ⁴concedo, -ere, -cessi, -cessus I assert, state
I admit, confess
(here) I am relevant
I concede, accept



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