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READING COMPREHENSION LEVEL II TEST

*The Early Republic*

Tarquinō expulsō, duo cōsulēs prō ūnō rēge creārī coetī sunt ut, sī ūnus malus esset, alter eum coercēret. eīs annum imperium tribūtum est, nē per diūturnitātem potestātis insolentiōrēs redderentur. fuērunt igitur annō prīmō, expulsīs rēgibus, cōsulēs L. Iūnius Brūtus, ācerimus lībertātis vindex, et Tarquinius Collātīnus, marītus Lucrētiae. sed Collātīnō paulō post dignitās sublāta est. placuerat enim, nē quis ex Tarquiniōrum familiā Rōmae manēret. ergō cum omnī patrimōniō suō ex urbe migrāvit, et in eius locum Valerius Pūblicola cōsul facta est.

commōvit bellum urbī rēx Tarquinius. in prīmā pugnā Brūtus cōsul et Arrūns, Tarquinī fīlius, sēsē invicem occīdērunt. Rōmānī tamen ex eā pugnā victōrēs discessērunt. Brūtum, quasi commūnem patrem, Rōmānae mātṛōnae per annum lūxērunt. Valerius Pūblicola Sp. Lucrētium, Lucrētiae patrem, collēgam sibi fēcit; quī cum morbō exstīnctus esset, Horātium Pulvīllum sibi collēgam sūmpsit. ita prīmus annus quīnque cōsulēs habuit.

1. When were the consul put into power?
  - a) as the kings were being expelled
  - b) after the kings were expelled
  - c) before the kings were expelled
2. How many consuls were put in charge of Rome?
  - a) 2 b) 1 c) 3 d) 4
3. What would happen if one of the consuls made mistakes?
  - a) All of them would be removed
  - b) They only ruled for one year so it didn't matter
  - c) The others and him would try to make an agreement
  - d) The other would remove the bad one
4. Who were the first two consuls
  - a) L. Junnius Brutus and Tarquinius Collatinus
  - b) L. Junnius Brutus and Lucretiae
  - c) Tarquinius Collatinus and Valerius Publicola
  - d) Horatius Pulvillus and L. Junnius Brutus
5. Soon after Collatinus becomes consul, he is removed. Why?
 

a) he was bad at his job	b) Brutus wanted to be king
c) Publicola fought to be a consul	d) he was related to the Tarquin kings

6. Why did Collatinus eventually have to flee from Rome?
  - a) he was embarrassed
  - b) no Tarquin could stay in Rome
  - c) he would have rather lived in Pompeii
  - d) his family forced him to leave
7. Who do the Romans fight during Publicola's reign?
  - a) Gauls b) Samnites c) Tarquins d) Greeks
8. Which of the following happens in the first battle with the Tarquins?
  - a) Arruns kills Brutus
  - b) Brutus kills Arruns
  - c) Arruns kills a Tarquin general
  - d) A and B
9. Who won the first battle between the Romans and Tarquins
  - a) Romans b) Tarquins c) No one won
10. Who grieved for Brutus the most?
  - a) Roman fathers b) Roman mothers c) soldiers d) senators
11. What happened to Lucretius?
  - a) died in war b) fled Rome c) mourned his daughter d) became very ill
12. How many men eventually held the power of consul in Rome, during the first year of the Republic?
  - a) 2 b) 5 c) 3 d) 4

### ***labores Iasonis***

Medea nunc ad aras antiquas Hecates ivit ut in silva carmina secreta et artes magicas disceret. iam fortis erat et amor recesserat, sed ubi Iasonem videt flammae amoris revererunt, quod illa die filius Aesonis tam formosus fuit ut Medae amanti ignoscere posses. spectabat et oculos fixos in vultu eius tenebat. Iason loqui coepit et dextram prehendit et matrimonium promisit ut ea auxilium daret. Medea lacrimis multis ait: "quid faciam? video me auxilio meo eum servaturam esse. seravtus, promissa det et servet!" hic per sacra Hecates triformis deae iuravit. illa herbas magicas et carmina magica ei dedit et Iason laetus in tecta recessit.

postero die populi in agrum sacrum Martis convenerunt; rex ipse in medio sedit vestimentum pupureum gerens et notus sceptro eburneo. ecce tauri appropinquabant qui tantos ignes efflabant ut herbae ignibus tactae arderent. tamen Iason obvius ivit. Argonautae terribiles tauros videntes magnopere timuerunt, sed Aesonides nec ignes nec fumos sensit. tantum medicamina poterant ut sine timore dextra forti iugum grave in umeris taurorum poneret et ferreo aratro (iron plow) campum coleret.

mirati sunt Colchi, Argonautae clamoribus gavisii sunt. tum ex galea aenea dentes serpentis excepit ut eos in agros spargeret. humus semina mollivit et dentes tam celeriter crescebant ut nova corpora

hominum fierent. quod magis mirum erat, quisque vir arma tenebat. Graeci timebant tot homines et tot arma videntes; Medea, quae illum tutum fecerat, ubi vidit unum iuvenem ab tot hostibus peti, palluit et frigida subito sine sanguine sedit.

13. Why did Medea go to the regions of Hecate?
  - a) to learn secret spells    b) to learn about the Underworld
  - c) to learn magic            d) A and C
14. When Medea arrived at the region of Hecate, how did she feel about love?
  - a) she was waiting for her one true love    b) she put the feelings away
  - c) she feared it                                    d) she was in love at the time
15. When she saw Jason, how did Medea feel?
  - a) the flames of love left her                b) the flames of love destroyed her
  - c) the flames of love came back            d) she felt nothing
16. What made Medea feel such feelings for Jason?
  - a) he was so beautiful    b) he was mean to her    c) he was arrogant    d) he ignored her
17. What does Jason promise Medea in exchange for help?
  - a) marriage    b) his right hand    c) help down the line    d) a crown
18. What does Medea give to Jason?
  - a) a promise of her own    b) a sheep    c) songs    d) magic spells and magic
19. Where do people convene the next day?
  - a) the field of Mars    b) Rome    c) Thessaly    d) Mount Olympus
20. What is the king wearing?
  - a) purple clothes    b) a purple cape    c) red boots    d) ivory toga
21. What approached the field?
  - a) fire    b) bulls    c) swans    d) soldiers
22. What burned the grass?
  - a) the fire set by the soldiers                                    b) the fire set by the priests
  - c) the fire that the bulls' breathed out                        d) the gods
23. How do the Argonauts feel about this sight?
  - a) they are brave    b) they are ignoring it
  - c) they are frightened by it                                        d) they ask Jason to save them

24. What did Jason do with the bulls?  
 a) he placed attacked them                      b) he slaughtered them  
 c) he placed a yoke on their shoulders        d) he ran in fear
25. How do the Colchi respond to what Jason has done?  
 a) they called him a coward   b) they yelled at him   c) They cried   d) they were amazed
26. How did the Argonauts respond to what Jason has done?  
 a) they rejoiced with shouts   b) they cried   c) they called him a coward   d) they left
27. What does Jason sow into the field?  
 a) seeds of wheat   b) the pieces of the bulls   c) the teeth of a snake   d) grass
28. What grew from the ground?  
 a) large blades of grass   b) things in the shape of men   c) carrots   d) nothing
29. What is the most amazing thing about the “plants”?  
 a) they were large than expected      b) they were smaller than expected  
 c) they were holding weapons          d) they died immediately
30. How did the Greeks feel about this sight?  
 a) they were happy   b) they were impressed   c) they were excited   d) they were scared
31. How does Medea feel about the sight?  
 a) she grows pale   b) she is very happy   c) she cries   d) she screams
32. Does Medea help Jason?  
 a) No, she sits frozen                      b) No, she attacks Jason  
 c) No, she faints                              d) Yes, she calls for help.

### ***TIE BREAKERS:***

antīquissimīs temporibus Sāturnus in Ītaliā vēnisse dīcitur. ibi haud procul ā Īāniculō arcem condidit, eamque Sāturniam appellāvit. hic prīmus Ītalōs agrī cultūram docuit.

postea Latīnus in illīs regiōnibus imperāvit. eō tempore Trōia in Asiā ā Graecīs ēversa est. hinc Aenēās, Anchīsae fīlius et Veneris deae, cum multīs Trōianīs, quī ex eō bellō superfuērunt, aufūgit, et in Ītaliā pervēnit. ibi Latīnus rēx eum benignē recēpit atque eī fīliam Lāvīniam in mātirimōnium dedit. Aeneās urbem condidit, quam in coniugis honōrem Lāvīnium appellāvit.

96. Who came to Italy in the very Ancient time?  
a) Aeneas b) Jupiter c) Latins d) Saturn
97. What is the first thing he taught the Italians?  
a) hunting b) farming c) fighting d) religion
98. What war occurred at the same time as the Latin invasion of this region?  
a) the Peloponnesian War b) the Punic Wars c) the Trojan War d) the civil wars
99. How did the Latin king welcome the travelers?  
a) fought with them b) killed them  
c) gave their leader his daughter to marry d) sent them away
100. Why does Aeneas name his city Lavinium?  
a) it is the name of his father b) it is another name for Troy  
c) it is the name of his wife d) it is the name of his son