

Literature Year 2

Lesson 10



This is the last literature lesson this term so test yourself here on your background knowledge of your set texts. Answers are on the last page.

- 1.To what kind of philosophy did Cicero hold?
- 2.During what phase of the Roman Republic/Empire did Cicero live and what events characterised this period?
- 3.What did people want at this time which made them willing to sacrifice democracy?
- 4.Who was Catiline?
- 5.Which Roman Emperor was Virgil's Patron?
- 6.Who is the Hero of the *Aeneid*?
- 7.Where does he begin his journey and what city does he found in the end?
- 8.When Aeneas arrives in Italy where does he visit?
- 9.Who does Aeneas meet there and why is this person unable to cross the River Acheron?
- 10.The relationship between _____ and _____ permeated Roman society. Fill in the blanks.

Answers:

- 1.He was an eclectic with strong stoical leanings.
- 2.He lived during the last days of the Republic which was characterised by tension, unrest and civil wars.
- 3.Peace and stability.
- 4.Catiline was a candidate for the consulship in 63BC, who planned, in Rome and throughout Italy, a great plot of the lawless, the disinherited and the desperate to kill Cicero, the presiding consul, and the other candidates. Catiline's election was to be carried with the help of armed bands. Afterwards debts would be repudiated and the mob would plunder. Cicero found out about his plan and prevented it by keeping order with the militia and his own armed men. Catiline died after his insurrection had become a small civil war in a battle with the forces of the Republic in the Apennines.

- 5.Augustus
- 6.Aeneas
- 7.Troy, Rome
- 8.The Underworld.
- 9.Palinurus the helmsman. He is unburied. One must be buried to cross.
- 10.The relationship between Patrons and clients permeated Roman society.