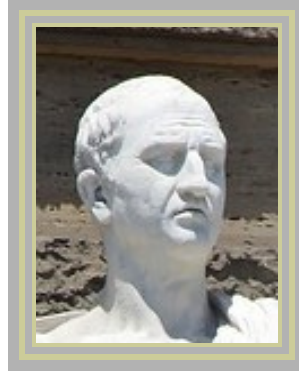


Cicero's Style 7



Look back at lessons Y3T1W8D2 and Y3T1W9D2. Make sure you can translate from *Quod cum isti renuntiaretur...* to *...qui illa sustulit defendit?* which we covered in those two lessons. Use your own flashcards or those on Quizlet here: <https://quizlet.com/gb/640752205/cicero-theft-from-segesta-complete-for-cie-igcse-2023-5-flash-cards/>. Then check everything we noted about style, rhetoric etc. in those lessons. As before work the exam style questions below. Write all the answers **by hand** as this is what you will have to do in the exam. My attempt is on the next page.

Exam style questions:

1. Quod cum isti renuntiaretur de basi ac litteris, existimavit homines in oblivionem totius negoti
2. esse venturos si etiam basim tamquam indicem sui sceleris sustulisset. Itaque tollendam istius
3. imperio locaverunt; quae vobis locatio ex publicis litteris Segestanorum priore actione recitata est.
4. Te nunc, P. Scipio, te, inquam, lectissimum ornatissimumque adolescentem, appello, abs te
5. officium tuum debitum generi et nomini requiro et flagito. Cur pro isto, qui laudem honoremque
6. familiae vestrae depeculatus est, pugnas, cur eum defensum esse vis, cur ego tuas partis suscipio,
7. cur tuum munus sustineo, cur M. Tullius P. Africani monumenta requirit, P. Scipio eum qui illa
8. sustulit defendit?

- (a) *Isti* (line 1) who is he? What is his crime *sceleris* (line) according to Cicero? [2]
- (b) Who are P. Scipio and P. Africanus and what is their relationship to each other? [2]
- (c) What was P. Scipio's role in the trial of Verres? How does Cicero describe him? How accurate is that description? [2]
- (d) Translate lines 4-5 (*Te nunc... ..nomini requiro et flagito.*) [5]
- (e) *cur tuum munus sustineo*, (line 7) what is the burden (*munus*) Cicero thinks should really be carried by someone else? Who does he think should be carrying it? [1]
- (f) *cur ego tuas partis suscipio.* (line 6): explain the literary device that Cicero is using. [2]
- (g) "Cicero: the champion of the Segestans." Based on your reading Cicero, how far does do you think he deserved this title? Support your answer with reference to the text. You should write at least 100 words. [10]

Hint: the question says "How far..." so use "on the one hand... on the other hand..." in your answer. You should consider the whole of the extracts from Cicero that form your set book, not just the lines quoted on the paper, although obviously they can be included. If you have read a translation of other parts of the *In Verrem* you may include them in your discussion if you wish.

Specimen answers on the next page.

(a) *Isti* (line 1) who is he? What is his crime *sceleris* (line) according to Cicero? [2]

He is Gaius Verres. The crime of which Cicero is accusing him here is taking a statue of Diana belonging to the Segestans for his own private collection.

(b) Who are P. Scipio and P. Africanus and what is their relationship to each other? [2]

P. Scipio is Publius Cornelius Scipio Nasica a contemporary of Cicero. P. Africanus is the Roman General, Publius Scipio Africanus, responsible for the defeat of Carthage, Rome's rival and deadly enemy. They were related because they were both members of the Scipio dynasty.

(c) What was P. Scipio's role in the trial of Verres? How does Cicero describe him? How accurate is that description? [2]

P. Scipio was a defendant of Verres at the trial. Cicero describes him as “a most virtuous and accomplished youth.” The description is more flattering than accurate because P. Scipio was a poor military commander and an extortioner in the provinces rather like Verres.

(d) Translate lines 4-5 (*Te nunc... ..nomini requiro et flagito.*) [5]

Use your flashcards to check your answer.

(e) *cur tuum munus sustineo*, (line 7) what is the burden (*munus*) Cicero thinks should really be carried by someone else? Who does he think should be carrying it? [1]

The burden is the defence of the honour of the house of Scipio by getting the villain who removed the statue of Diana with Scipio Africanus's inscription on in prosecuted. He thinks P. Scipio should be carrying this burden.

(f) *cur ego tuas partis suscipio*. (line 6): explain the literary device that Cicero is using. [2]

This is a metaphor from the theatrical stage. *Partis* is an actor's rôle.

(g) “Cicero: the champion of the Segestans.” Based on your reading Cicero, how far does do you think he deserved this title? Support your answer with reference to the text. You should write at least 100 words. [10]

On the one hand the picture we get of Cicero from his writings is one of a champion of the Segestans. As quaestor he tells us in *Pro Plancio* he was so “friendly to the bankers, fair to the merchants, generous to the contractors, restrained to (Rome's) allies” [1] that the grateful Segestans heaped unheard-of honours on him. [1] It was to him the Segestans turned for a champion in prosecuting the rapacious Verres, and he did not disappoint them. [1] Cicero boldly gathered his evidence [1] and, abandoning the usual trial procedure [1]. His short speeches [1] and stream of witnesses [1] devastated the opposition, causing it to collapse. Verres was vanquished and Cicero triumphed.

On the other hand this picture is drawn by Cicero himself [1] and he admits in *Pro Plancio* he can be proud of what he has done. [1] In his good treatment of the Segestans he had an eye to securing Rome's food supply [1] and his own advancement [1] as well as the good of the Segestans. The Segestans did not get back many of the treasures [1] that Verres looted as he had already packed them off to Massilia, his chosen place of exile. [1]

Perhaps Cicero was a little more of a champion in his own eyes than in reality.

You may have answered this differently and still gained full marks. Notice how very few Latin words you need to remember in order to quote them in an answer such as this one. It is worth learning a few key Latin words for this purpose – more about this in a future lesson. Remember: 10 marks so you must give 10 bits of information, each of which could be awarded a mark. I have indicated the marks I think this answer would deserve in square brackets throughout the answer.