

Passage for Levels 1 and 2:

- 1 Aurōra, dea prīmae lūcis, mortem filiī, Memnonis, lugēbat.
itaque sē ante pedēs Iovis, rēgis deōrum, iēcit et, “Nōn
sum,” inquit, “potēns apud deōs. Multa templa nōn habeō.
Dēbēs tamen mihi favēre, quod ego tibi prīmam lūcem
5 cotīdiē ferō. Dā, magne rēx deōrum, meō filiō meritum
honōrem et levā dolōrem mātris!”

Translation:

Aurora, the goddess of dawn (literally, “of first light”) was mourning the death of her son, Memnon. And so she threw herself before the feet of Juppiter, the king of the gods and said, “I am not powerful among the gods. I do not have many temples. However, you must favor me, because everyday I bring the dawn. Give, king of the gods, just honor to my son and lighten the grief of a mother!”

Passage for Levels 3 and 4

- 1 Propter Rūfīnī avāritiam, Fabricius eum neque probābat
neque amīcitiam eius petēbat. Cum autem cēterī candidātī
essent īfirmī et ignāvī, Fabricius summīs opibus eundem
sustinuit ut eī cōsulātus darētur. Multīs rogantibus cūr
5 fūrem inimīcumque creārī cōsulem vellet, “Mālō,” inquit,
“ut cīvis inimīcus mē compilet, quam, Rōmā captā,
barbarus hostis mē vendat.”

Translation:

Because of Rufinus’s greed, Fabricius neither approved of him nor sought his friendship. However, since the other candidates were weak and cowardly, Fabricius supported this same man to the utmost so that the consulship might be given to him. To the many people asking why he wanted a thief and personal enemy to be elected consul, he said “I prefer that a fellow citizen rob me than, once Rome has been conquered, a barbarian enemy sell me [into slavery].”