

Over 2700 years ago Rome was no different than any other country. Something happened to give Rome the edge to be able to conquer the whole Mediterranean World. What qualities did the Romans have which made them unlike the people they conquered? What characteristics did they admire and try to emulate? It will be your job to find out. In a group of four you are to:

Given a particular incident in early Roman history:

1. Read Livy's account of the incident.
2. Translate the story from the hand-out and make a list of derivatives from the voc.
3. Research the web for additional information about the incident/person.
4. Make a list of characteristics which the Romans would have admired as illustrated by the hero of your story.
5. Do the grammar sheet associated with your story.
6. Make a presentation to the class. (Be creative.)

### **Topics to Be Covered**

The Romans and the Sabines

Cloelia

Horatii and the Curiatii

Manilus and Camillus

Horatius Cocles at the Bridge

Cincinnatus

Mucius Scaevola

Lucretia and Tarquinius

**\*\*N.B. Most of these stories can be found in *Roman History for Second Year Latin*, by Donna Gerard, available from ACL. For easiest ones, see Ecce I.**

**Internet Search:** As you search the internet, you should look for the following:

1. Other accounts of your hero or incident other than Livy's. Are there differences?
2. Picture/Painting/Sculpture of your hero or incident. You may wish to draw your own.
3. What other historical events occurred in Rome around the same time as your event? Where was Rome on its quest to greatness and world domination?
4. Find a **Latin motto** which you believe describes your hero or historical event. Explain *why* you chose it.

### **Written History Report**

The written portion of your history report should contain the following:

1. A typed or neatly written copy of your group translation.
2. A list of those characteristics which you feel the Romans would have admired which are exemplified in your story.
3. A brief description of the time period in which your event occurs.
4. A list of the derivatives which come from the vocabulary in your translation.
5. A copy of any artwork or literary work which you found which uses your hero or event as its theme.
6. A creative presentation of the Latin motto which you feel best fits your hero or event and an explanation as to why you chose it.
7. If applicable, a brief description of any other account you read about your hero or event, and how it was similar or unlike Livy's account.