



LATIN FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM, Level 1

LATIN STORY TO ACCOMPANY CHAPTER 3

This story recounts an episode of Roman history from the historian Titus Livius, who is known as Livy. In this episode, Lucius Quinctius Cincinnatus, known simply as Cincinnatus, is called upon to serve his country and protect the city of Rome from danger.



This statue was commissioned in 1984 by the Cincinnatus Association, an organization dedicated to improving the life of the citizens of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. Sculpted by Eleftherios Karkadoulas (1936–2015), the statue commemorates the city's namesake, Cincinnatus. Cincinnatus is depicted with his plow as well as with the Roman fasces in his hands. He is the "citizen farmer," called from the fields to assume, as represented by the fasces, political power. In 1790, Northwest Territories Governor Arthur St. Clair, as a tribute to Cincinnatus's volunteer spirit as a citizen-soldier, renamed the Ohio city. Wikimedia Commons. Creative Commons 4.0.

CINCINNĀTUS

1 Titus Līvius poēta nōn est. Līvius *historicus* est. Fābulās dē patriā nārrat.

In fābulā Līviī, Lūcius Quīnctius Cincinnātus nauta nōn est. *Mīles* et agricola est.

Cincinnātus in casā habitat. Cincinnātus est agricola et in agrīs ambulat. Rīvōs et terram cūrat. Cincinnātus fōrmam āthlētae habet. Animum *fortis* virī habet.

5 Virī in viā ambulant *quia* Cincinnātum vidēre *volunt*. Virī Cincinnātum in agrō vident. Deinde virī Cincinnātum vocant et amīcum expectant. Cincinnātus ad virōs ambulat. Virī vocant: “Rōma, patria *tua*, in perīculō est! Cincinnāte, tū animum fortis virī habēs! Tū fōrmam fortis āthlētae habēs! Tū, Cincinnāte, dēbēs esse *dictātor* patriae!” Cincinnātus agrōs cūrāre amat. *Sed* patriam valdē amat et perīculum nōn timet.

10 Cincinnātus cum virīs *Rōmam* ambulant. Ad perīculum ambulant. Cincinnātus, vir fortis, nōn timet. *Rōmae* Cincinnātus nunc mīles et dictātor est. Rōmam et virōs bene cūrāt. Cincinnātus *potestātem* diū nōn tenet. Dictātor diū nōn est quia agrōs et terram cūrāre *vult*. Cincinnātus Rōmam bene cūrāt et ad agrōs *redit*. Cincinnātus agricola est.

VOCABULA NOVA

ad – to, toward

dē – down from

dictātor, dictātōris, m. – dictator

esse – to be

fortis – strong, of a strong

historicus, -ī, m. – historian

mīles, militis, m. – soldier

perīculum, -ī, n. – danger

quia – because

potestātem (*direct object*) – power, authority

redit – returns

Rōmae – at Rome

Rōmam – to Rome

sed – but

tua – your

volunt – want

vult – wants