

Salvete, discipuli!

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Think way back to when things were normal and we translated the story of *Ceres and Proserpina*. It was Lesson XXII! In that lesson we learned (or at least started to learn) the *future tense* of *third conjugation* verbs. There were *new vocabulary words* to be added to your arsenals as well. Today, to get you back into a Latin state-of-mind, here's a little translation.

The way I envision our on-line learning is this: each week we will work our way through the text chapter by chapter, working on increasing vocabulary, expanding our knowledge of conjugations and declensions, and getting more comfortable with translation. There will be tests and such as usual.

To get the ball rolling (*facere spheram volvere*) – please translate the following story. Note the following as you translate: three regions of the Underworld are named *Erebus* (the location of *Pluto's* palace), *Tartarus*, and *Elysium*. The word *canis* (dog) in the third sentence is a third declension noun **in apposition** to Cerberus, the watchdog's name. Do you know what was unusual about Cerberus?

Pluto dicit:

Dominus populī magnī sum. In Erebō habitō et infernōs regō. Clarus canis Cerberus terminōs terrae meae defendit. In agrīs Tartarī virōs malōs ponō et in silvās. Elysī virōs bonōs mittō. Poenās nuntiō et praemia donō.

Ad Siciliam, ubi pulchra Proserpina habitat, equōs meōs agam. In carrō meō filiam deae ponam et tum excēdēmus. Num* probātis? Causam meam agam. Proserpinam amō. In Erebō regina erit. Magnus deus sum. Nonne grata esse debet?

***Num** introduces a question expecting a **No** answer: *You don't... do you?*

Please translate this story (and tell me what's special about Cerberus) and send it to me by Thursday afternoon. You may send it to me at sbear@shshattiesburg.com.

Y'all can do this!!!