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Chapter 1

Vitruvius and Architecture

1. **Vitruvius Pollio is a Roman architect.**
2. **He loves Greek architecture.**
3. **He builds many buildings.**
4. **Vitruvius writes ten books [called] *About Architecture*.**

Respond in Latin

1. Who is Vitruvius?
Response: [Vitruvius est] architectus Rōmānus.
2. What does he build?
Response: Aedificia [aedificat].

Chapter 2

Hannibal

1. **Hannibal is a Carthaginian leader.**
2. **He has many troops and many elephants.**
3. **The men train the elephants to fight.**
4. **Hannibal and the Carthaginian troops and the elephants will attack the Romans.**
5. **This (It) is the Second Punic War.**

Respond in Latin

1. Who is Hannibal?
Response: [Hannibal est] dux Pūnicus.
2. What do the Carthaginian men train?
Response: [Virī Pūnicī] elephantōs [exercent].

Chapter 3

Julius Caesar

1. The people love Julius Caesar.
2. The Senators do not love Julius.
3. Julius approaches.
4. Alas! (His) enemies kill Julius!
5. The people are angry! The enemies run!

Respond in Latin

1. Who loves Caesar?
Response: Populus [Caesarem amat].
2. Who are (his) enemies?
Response: Senātōrēs [sunt inimicī].

Chapter 4

Octavian

1. **Octavian and Antony were ruling the Roman Empire together.**
2. **Octavian was staying (remaining) in Italy.**
3. **Antony and Cleopatra were in Egypt.**
4. **Octavian attacks Antony and Cleopatra.**
5. **Octavian is the winner!**
6. **Now, only Octavian rules the Roman Empire. (Octavian alone rules . . .)**

Respond in Latin

1. Where was Octavian?
Response: [Octāviānus erat] in Ītaliā.
2. Where were Antony and Cleopatra?
Response: [Antōnius et Cleopātra erant] in Aegyptō.

Chapter 5

Birth of Christ

1. Joseph was walking to Bethlehem. A donkey was carrying Mary.
2. Joseph was dirty. Mary was tired. The donkey stank.
3. Finally, they come to Bethlehem, but the inns are full.
4. Joseph, Mary, and the donkey stay in a stable.
5. Jesus is born in a stable. Many wonderful angels sing, “Glory! Glory!”

Respond in Latin

1. Who is tired?
Response: *Marīa* [est *dēfessa*].
2. Who stank?
Response: *Asinus* [oboluit].
3. Where do Joseph and Mary stay?
Response: [*Iōsēphus et Marīa*] in *stabulō* [manent].

A Strange Man

1. John is a strange man.
2. He wears the hair of a camel (camel's hair). He eats wild honey and locusts.
3. He warns the Jews, "Get ready (prepare yourselves)! The Son of God comes!"
4. "I baptize with water, but He will baptize with flames/fire(s)."

Respond in Latin

1. Who is the strange man?
Response: [Vir mirus est] Iōhannēs.
2. What does John eat?
Response: [Iōhannēs] favum ferum et lōcustās [edit].
3. Who will baptize with flames/fire(s)?
Response: Filius Deī [baptizābit flammīs].

Chapter 7

Jesus

1. **Jesus walks to many towns.**
2. **He sits with the people and tells many parables.**
3. **The parables point out (show) the kingdom of God.**
4. **Jesus loves the people, and many people love Jesus.**
5. **But others will be against Jesus.**

Respond in Latin

1. To where does Jesus walk?
Response: [Iēsūs] in oppida [ambulat].
2. What does Jesus tell?
Response: [Iēsūs] multās parabolās [narrat].
3. Whom does Jesus love?
Response: [Iēsūs] populum [amat].

Chapter 8

Jesus Is Alive!

1. **The Romans kill (execute) Jesus because the Jewish leaders fear Jesus.**
2. **A sign is above Jesus. It says, “King of the Jews.”**
3. **After three days, Jesus rises again.**
4. **Many people see Jesus and walk with Jesus.**
5. **Jesus is alive; Jesus will be alive always (forever)!**

Respond in Latin

1. Who fear Jesus?
Response: Ducēs Iudaeōrum [Iēsum timent].
2. What does the sign tell?
Response: [Signum narrat,] “Rēx Iudaeōrum.”
3. Is Jesus alive?
Response: Iēsus est vīvus. / Ita vērō!

Chapter 9

Nero

1. After Rome burns, Nero builds many things over the ruins.
2. Nero builds the great Golden House within the walls of Rome.
3. He builds the Colossus, a large statue of a naked Nero, near the Golden House.
4. After many years, Titus Flavius Vespasian builds a big amphitheater next to the Colossus.
5. The Romans call the Flavian Amphitheater “Colosseum” because it is next to the Colossus of Nero.

Respond in Latin

1. What does Nero build?
Response: [Nerō] Domum Auream et Colossum [aedificat].
2. What does Vespasian build?
Response: [Vespasiānus] Amphitheātrum Flāviānum [aedificat].

Chapter 10

Arch of Titus

1. The Jews choose to fight against the Romans.
2. Titus and the Roman troops go to Jerusalem.
3. The Jews build a high and long wall around the town.
4. The Romans enter through the wall. They destroy the temple.
5. The Arch of Titus shows Titus and the Jewish treasures (loot, booty, prizes).

Respond in Latin

1. What do the Jews build?
Response: [Iūdaeī] mūrum altum et longum [aedificant].
2. What does the Arch show?
Response: [Arcus] Titum et praemia Iūdaea [dēmōnstrat].

Chapter 11

Vesuvius

1. Vesuvius is a tall mountain in Italy.
2. Pompeii and Herculaneum were towns near Vesuvius.
3. Many people used to live in the towns.
4. Many Romans used to go to the towns during (for) vacations.
5. Suddenly, Vesuvius erupts!
6. Now people go to the towns and they see ruins.

Respond in Latin

1. Where is Vesuvius?
Response: [Vesuvius] in Ītaliā [est].
2. Where were Pompeii and Herculaneum?
Response: [Pompēiī et Herculāneum sunt] prope Vesuvium.

Chapter 12

The Very Bad Emperors

1. Diocletian rules the Roman Empire with Maximian.
2. They call themselves Jupiter and Hercules.
3. They harass Christians without mercy.
4. They forbid Christians from gathering.
5. They arrest Christians, unless they will worship the false gods.
6. They burn (their) holy books to ashes.

Respond in Latin

1. Who are the very bad emperors?
Response: [Imperātōrēs pessimī sunt] Dioclētīānus et Maximīānus.
2. Whom do they call themselves?
Response: [Sē appellant] Iovem et Herculem.

Chapter 13

Constantine

1. Constantine was fighting because he was wishing to be Emperor.
2. Suddenly, in the sky he sees a cross with flames.
3. He hears, “In (this) sign, you will conquer!”
4. Constantine orders the troops to place “XP” on (their) shields.
5. Again they fight. Constantine is the victor (winner)!
6. Now Constantine worships Christ.

Respond in Latin

1. What does Constantine see?
Response: [Cōnstantīnus] crucem cum flammīs [videt].
2. What does Constantine hear?
Response: [Cōnstantīnus audit,] “In hōc signō vincēs!”
3. Where do the troops place the sign?
Response: Cōpiae in scūtīs signum ponunt.

Chapter 14

I Believe

1. I believe in one God, the omnipotent Father, . . .
2. and [I believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son of God, . . .
3. and [I believe] in the Holy Spirit, Lord and Lifegiver, .
..
4. and [I believe] in one holy universal and apostolic Church.

Respond in Latin

1. How many Gods are there?
Response: Est ūnus deus.
2. Who is the Son of God?
Response: [Fīlius Deus est] Iēsus Christus.

Chapter 15

The End?

1. Many barbarians were attacking Rome.
2. The great leaders were gone (absent).
3. Many families are going out of (from) Rome.
4. Finally, the barbarians go into (enter) Rome. Now they rule all Italy.
5. The Roman Empire no longer remains. But we will hold Rome in (our) memory forever. –OR– But we will remember Rome forever.

Respond in Latin

1. Who are going out of Rome?
Response: Multae familiae [Rōmā exeunt].
2. Who are going into Rome?
Response: Barbarī [Rōmam ineunt].
3. Where is Rome alive?
Response: Rōma in memoriā viva est.