



Classical Association of the Middle West and South

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Advanced Level

Directions: Write a neat and legible translation of the passage below. Translate as literally as possible. You may write on the passage if you wish, but only translations written on the designated answer sheet will be judged. Underlined words and phrases are glossed on the second page. Time limit: 60 minutes.

The Sabine Women

Tum Sabīnae mulierēs, quārum ex iniūriā bellum ortum erat, crīnibus passīs,
scissāque veste, victō muliebrī pavōre, ausae sē inter tēla volantia inferre, ex transversō
impetū factō, dirimere infestās aciēs, dirimere īrās, hinc patrēs, hinc virōs ōrantēs, nē
sanguine sē nefandō socerī generīque respergerent, nē parricidiō maculārent partūs suōs.

5 “Sī adfīnitātis inter vōs, sī cōnūbiī piget, in nōs vertite īrās; nōs causa bellī, nōs vulnerum
ac caedium virīs ac parentibus sumus; melius perībimus quam sine alterīs vestrum viduae
aut orbae vīvēmus.”

Movet rēs cum multitūdinem tum ducēs; silentium et repentīna fit quiēs; inde ad
foedus faciendum ducēs prōdeunt. Nec pācem modo sed cīvitātem ūnam ex duābus faciunt.
10 Rēgnum cōnsociant: imperium omne cōferunt Rōmam. Ita geminātā urbe, ut Sabīnīs tamen
aliquid darētur, Quirītēs ā Curibus appellātī. Monumentum ēius pugnae, ubi pīnum ex
profundā ēmersus palūde equus Curtium in vadō statuit, Curtium Lacum appellārunt.

Vocabulary and Notes

- 1 **Sabīnus, -a, -um:** *Sabine*
iniūria, iniūriae (f): *injury, insult*
- 2 **scindō, scindere, scidī, scissus:** *cut*
muliebris, -is, -e: related to **mulier**
pavor, pavōris (m): *panic, fear*
- 3 **dirimō, dirimere:** *tear apart, interrupt*
infestus, -a, -um: *hostile, warlike*
- 4 **nefandus, -a, -um:** related to **nefās**
socer, socerī (m): *father-in-law*
gener, generī (m): *son-in-law*
socerī and generī: take as nominatives
- 5 **Sī (vōs)**
adfīnitās, adfīnitātis (f): *relationship*
- 6 **vidua, viduae (f):** *widow*
- 7 **orba, orbae (f):** *orphan*
- 8 **cum . . . tum:** *not only . . . but also*
silentium, silentī (n): *silence*
- 9 **foedus, foederis (n):** *treaty*
- 10 **cōnsociō, -āre, -āvi, -ātus:** *join*
- 11 **Quirīs, Quirītis (m):** *Quirites* (a later name for Roman citizens)
Curēs, Curium (m): *Cures* (a Sabine town)
appellātī (sunt)
- 12 **profundus, -a, -um:** *deep, vast*
ēmergō, ēmergere, ēmersī, ēmersus: *lift up*
palūs, palūdis (f): *swamp*
Curtium: *Mettius Curtius* (a Sabine warrior)
- crīnis, crīnis (m/f): *hair*
pandō, pandere, pandī, passus: *spread out*
- ausae (sunt)
volō, -āre, -āvī, -ātus: *fly*
ex transversō: *from a sideways position*
- ōrantēs: modifies **mulierēs** (line 1)
- respergerent: related to **spargō, spargere**
parracīdium, -ī (n): *murder of a father*
maculō, -āre, -āvī, -ātus: *stain, pollute*
partus, partūs (m): *offspring*
- cōnūbium, cōnūbiī (n): *marriage*
piget, pigēre, piguit: *annoy; + ACC and GEN*
- repentīnus, -a, -um: *sudden*
quiēs, quiētis (f): *quiet*
- geminō, -āre, -āvī, -ātus: *double*
- monumentum, monumentī (n): *monument*
- vadum, vadī (n): *shallow place*
statuō, statuere, statuī, statūtus: *erect, set up*
***Curtium Lacum:** *Lacus Curtius*

*The Lacus Curtius was essentially a hole in the ground. After the war between the Romans and the Sabines, the Lacus Curtius would eventually become a memorialized part of the Roman Forum.