

Pre-Reading Assignment

In the following passage:

- Label all Subjects (S), Verbs (V) and Objects (O) or Complements (C) above the Latin word
- Put parentheses around prepositional phrases
- Draw an arrow from each Adjectival Modifier (Adjective or Genitive Noun) to the word it modifies.

Remember to try guessing the words in bold before you look for their meanings in the vocabulary below.

READING 11 (*adapted*)

Tacitus (c. A.D. 56 – after A.D. 113) describes the Germans' way of ruling and doing battle. Among other differences, the Germans organized their battle groups by families and clans, and encouraged the women to cheer from the sidelines.

Germānī rēgēs ex **nōbilitāte**, ducēs ex virtūte legunt. Nec rēgibus **īnfinīta** aut
libera potestās, et ducēs exemplō potius quam imperiō agunt; sī ante aciem
pugnant, **admīrātiōne** praesunt. Effigiāsque et **signa** ex silvīs **sacrīs** in proelium
portant. Ad mātērēs, ad coniugēs vulnera praebent; nec illae **numerāre** aut
exigere plāgās timent, cibōsque et hortāmina mīlitibus dant.

Vocabulary:

nōbilitās, -tātis f.	noble birth, nobility	signum, -ī n.	token, sign
īnfinītus, -a, -um	unlimited	proelium, -ī n.	battle
potestās, -tātis f.	power	sacer, -cra, -crum	sacred
potius quam	“rather than”	vulnus, -eris n.	wound
sī	if	numerō, -āre	to count
aciem (acc.)	line of battle	exigō, -ere	to demand to see
admīrātiō, -iōnis f.	admiration	plāga, -ae f.	wound, blow
praesum	to lead	cibus, -ī m.	food