

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 8 (*adapted*)

The poet Ovid begins his poem, the Metamorphoses, by announcing his theme and asking the gods for inspiration. He begins with the origins of the universe.

In nova optō mūtātās dīcere fōrmās corpora; dī, (vōs enim mūtātis illās)
adspirāte meō carminī prīmāque ab origine mundī ad mea dūcite tempora
carmen!

Ante pontum et terrās et caelum ūnus erat tōtō nātūrae vultus in orbe; virī eum
dīcunt “chaos.” erat et terra et pontus et caelum, sed erant īnstabilēs et illōrum
fōrma nōn manēbat.

Vocabulary:

mūtātus, -a, -um	changed	ante (+ acc.)	before
forma, -ae f.	form, shape	ūnus, -a, -um	one
mūtō, -āre	to change	tōtus, -a, -um	the whole
illās	“them” (the forms)	vultus (nom. sg. m.)	face, appearance
adspirō, -āre (+ dat.)	help, favor	orbis, -is m.	earth, world
carmen, -inis n.	song	eum	“it” (the appearance)
orīgō, -inis f.	beginning, origin	īnstabilēs (adj.)	unstable
mundus, -ī m.	world, universe	illōrum	“of these” (earth, sea, etc.)
tempus, -oris n.	time, period of time		