



CHAPTER 8: ORATORY AND CICERO

The cursus honorum

1. What was the cursus honorum? _____

2. Put the following political offices in order of importance, starting with the most junior: aedile, consul, quaestor, praetor. _____

Oratory

3. Give three different reasons why an ambitious Roman needed to be good at public speaking.

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4. Give three different skills which were an important part of oratory.

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Consider Figure 8.1: An orator

- What oratorical skills do you think this speaker is displaying?

Cicero

5. Give two different reasons why Cicero's rise to power was impressive.

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6. What were Cicero's political values? _____

Consulship and the Catilinarian conspiracy

7. When was Cicero consul? _____

8. Who was Catiline? What did he try to do? _____

9. Cicero was praised for his handling of the conspiracy, but later exiled for his actions: explain what he did and why it was later seen as controversial. _____

Consider Figure 8.3: Cicero denounces Catiline

- How has this painter suggested that Cicero has the senate on his side in the debates against Catiline? _____

Decline and exile

10. Why did Cicero's power and influence in Rome decline? _____

11. When was Cicero exiled from Rome? _____



Cicero's death

12. Which side did Cicero fight on in the civil war between Julius Caesar and the senate in 49 BC?

13. Who held power in Rome after Julius Caesar's assassination in 44 BC? _____

14. Give two different reasons for the enmity between Cicero and Mark Antony.

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15. When did Cicero die and why? _____

Consider Figure 8.5: The rostra in the Roman forum

- What was this platform used for? _____
- What happened here after Cicero's death? _____

Cicero's family

16. Who were Terentia, Marcus and Tullia? What do we know about Cicero's relationship with his daughter? _____
