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A Pillar of Iron Assignment 1. Read preface, then foreword pages and pages 1-27.

Answer in complete sentences each question as you read the book. Questions are given in the same order that you will come to them in the book. Page numbers may vary, but I will give you the page number from my copy of the book for the vocabulary (#7 – #12).

Front Page before Foreword

1. Summarize Cicero's statement in one sentence. (What did you learn from it?)

Law must be based upon God's Law and preserve freedom.

Foreword

2. Describe Cicero's character in at least three sentences. **moral (to a point), conciliatory, humorous, conscientious.**

3. In what way does Taylor Caldwell compare America and ancient Rome? **similar events in both nations' histories.**

4. How long did she research the material before writing this book? **9 years**

5. Translate her sentences: **Sic transit Roma! Sic transit America?** What did the author mean by those sentences? **So went Rome! So goes America? She wrote this as a warning.**

6. Translate the sentence from Aristotle: **Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam, et salutem tuam da nobis.** **Show us O Lord, your mercy and give us your safekeeping.**

Part One: The Child and the Youth Define these English words before you read the text.

7. profligate (p. 19) _____

8. brazier (p. 20) _____

9. efficacious (p. 20) _____

10. alacrity (p. 22) _____

11. baleful (p. 24) _____

12. Translate the sentence in the introduction to this part of the book: **Os iusti meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua eius loquetur iudicium; lex Dei eius [est] in corde ipsius!**

The mouth of the just will meditate upon wisdom and his tongue will speak judgment.

13. Describe the father of Marcus Cicero (three sentences at least), M. Tullius Cicero.

14. Describe the mother of Marcus Cicero (two sentences), Helvia.

Assignment One

15. Into what kind of home was Marcus Cicero born?