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A Pillar of Iron Assignment 11. Read pages 500 – 550.

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.

I. Glossary

primordial (503) *first created or developed*

incandescent (509) *strikingly bright, radiant, brilliant*

felicitate (510) *to make happy*

patrimony (532) *an estate inherited from one's father or ancestor*

countenanced (511) *extended approval or toleration to*

II. Chapters and Questions (500-550)

Chapter Fifty-two

1. Which description made you feel you were “there” when the author described Catiline’s approach to the Senate chambers? (501)
2. Whom does Cicero blame for Catiline still being free? (507)
3. Did Cicero believe that he had finally saved Rome? Why or why not? (509)

Chapter Fifty-four

4. What message did the vision of Tullius give to Marcus? (511)
5. “I tell you that freedom does not mean the freedom to _____ law in order to _____ it.” (said by Cicero) (511)
6. What was Catiline’s purpose in visiting Caesar by night? (513)
7. Knowing Cicero’s character, do you think Cicero’s actions were more to save Rome or to punish Catiline for many past cruelties done by Catiline? Why? (517)
8. Is there any justification for sentencing anyone to death? (your opinion) (521)

9. What was the defense given by Catiline? Which part is logical, and which is personal attack?
(524-525)

10. What was the surprising response by Cato? (526-527)

11. Which is more evil: Execution for treason or the treason itself? (529)

Chapter Fifty-five

12. Noe wrote that either madmen are evil or evil men are mad. Which comes first, in your opinion? Evil or madness? (531)

13. What was Quintus' hope during the battle? (535)

14. Do you think the author described the battle scenes in an engaging manner? Why or why not?
(535- on)

15. Knowing Cicero's feelings about death, do you think that he had trials for the conspirators or do you think he just had them arrested and executed? Explain your reasoning. (540)

16. Do you personally ever try to reduce the seriousness of a situation by using humor? Do you think that works? (541)

Chapter Fifty-six

17. Where did Marcus believe that the Messiah of the Jews would be born? (543)

18. The more depraved a people the more their public _____ against
_____. (544)

19. Summarize Noe's letter to Caesar. (549)

20. Suicide is man's ultimate _____ God. (549)