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***A Pillar of Iron*** Assignment 2

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 (in parentheses) are those in my book which may not be the same as your book.

**I. Vocabulary** – Define these words. You can find most of them in an online dictionary. (We did some for you, and found that it doesn't take long.)

captious (28) *tending to find and call attention to faults*

intemperate (28) *excessive in behavior;*

tractable (29) *easily managed (controlled or taught or molded)*

redoubtable (29) *worthy of respect or honor*

sardonic (29)

polyglots (30)

curule (31)

umbrage (31)

tremulous (32)

prodigious (32)

imprecation (35)

stentorian (37) *booming of voice*

epicene (37) *effeminate*

emulated (39)

cantos (39)

anthropomorphic (40)

exigent (48)

façade (51)

## **II. Questions for pages 28 – 69**

1. In what way does the author describe the scenery so you picture it? Give an example. (30)
2. Summarize Tullius' thoughts directed toward young Marcus at the end of Chapter Two.
3. Who was the Greek tutor, and how did the family attract him to their home?
4. Although the tutor did not believe in God, he did teach Marcus about one God. Which God?
5. What did Marcus mean when he wrote about architecture and the temples? (43)
6. What is the Socratic method (or, manner)? (42)
7. What was Archais' feeling about public education? (43)
8. Why was Marcus drawn to Law? (45)
9. When were Julius Caesar and Catiline introduced into the story? (49)
10. Why is a good man often disliked? (53)
11. Describe in one word each: Marcus Cicero, Julius Caesar and Lucius Catilina as youths. (55)
12. What would you have done if you saw a boy being attacked as Julius was? (56)
13. How did Julius' mother react to Marcus after the fight? (60)
14. On page 61, summarize the sentiment of Marcus after he learned that there truly are bad people in the world.
15. What sort of friend do you think Noë ben Joel will be to Marcus? (64)
16. What did Noë tell Marcus about the Messiah? (65)