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A Pillar of Iron Assignment 7. Read pages 298-350.

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. Glossary – Done for you to save your time.

sorely (299), *very*

enigmatic (299), *puzzling*

ethereal (299), *lacking material substance, or marked by unusual delicacy or refinement*

effrontery (300), *rudeness*

penurious (301), *frugality*

sartorial (301), *relating to clothing*
perspicacity (303), *acute mental vision or discernment*

mendacious (303), *dishonest*

declaim (304), *to speak rhetorically or pompously*

execrate (304), *to declare to be evil, to detest*

deprecate (304), *to express disapproval of*

sardonic (307), *derisively mocking*

ignoble (309), *of low birth, or characterized by meanness*

Mamertine (311), *a prison located in the Forum Romanum*

impunity (312), *exemption from punishment*

anathema (314), *something disliked or loathed*

perforce (315), *by force of circumstances*

frescoes (323), *a painting on freshly spread*

moist lime plaster with water-based pigments

insensate (323), *lacking sense or humane feelings*

hearken (327), *listen*

voracious (328), *ravenous, or excessively eager*

pusillanimous (328), *lacking courage, or cowardly*

slothful (328), *lazy*

abyss (329), *bottomless pit*

inexorable (329), *not to be persuaded or stopped*

incipient (330), *about to begin*

jejune (330), *dull or childish*

venal (331), *able to be bought or bribed*

mirth (338), *gaiety and laughter*

solicitude (338), *state of being concerned*

sanatoria (342), *plural of convalescent hospitals*

fiat (342), *a decree, or something done without precedent*

protean (343), *versatile, displaying diversity or variety*

inimical (345), *hostile or unfriendly*

abrogated (344), *to abolish, to treat as nonexistent, nullify*

inscrutable (346), *mysterious*

II. Questions

Chapter Twenty-seven (pages 298-350)

1. What book of the Bible did Noë quote when describing a good wife? (298)
2. Describe the actor Roscius. (302)
3. What happens to a man who is without hope? (305)
4. What are the characteristics of an “old Roman”? (254)
5. What caused Marcus to regain his hope? (306)
6. Why was Cato Servius arrested? (311)
7. Why did Cato finally agree to be defended by Marcus? (314)
8. What did Julius Caesar ask Marcus to do regarding Cato? (321)

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9. Sulla said, “If a man cried to them that no longer must they depend on government for their food, their shelter, the tunics that cover them, their amusements, would they_____?” (327)
10. What was the reason in his own mind that Sulla came to Rome and took power? (326-329)
11. What does Sulla predict and to what does he drink? (329)

Chapters Thirty and Thirty-one (12-16)

In at least **six sentences**, summarize the trial of Cato Servius, i.e., his reactions, Marcus’ plan, the execution of the plan, advice given him by Noë, and final results.

17. On page 344 (teacher’s book), copy the first sentence of Julius’ quote from Cincinnatus, which begins with “Worthiness...” Do you observe that happening in our own time?