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A Pillar of Iron Assignment 8. Read pages 350-400.

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 the hard cover book which may not be the same as your book.

I. Character Sketches from Wikipedia

Lepidus - Lepidus was among Julius Caesar's greatest supporters. He started his *cursus honorum* as a praetor in 49 BC, was placed in charge of Rome while Caesar defeated Pompey in Spain, and was rewarded with the consulship in 46 BC after the defeat of the Pompeians in the East.

Atticus - Titus Pomponius Atticus, born Titus Pomponius, came from an old but not strictly noble Roman family of the equestrian class. He was a celebrated editor, banker, and patron of letters with residences in both Rome and Athens. He is best remembered as the closest friend of orator and philosopher Marcus Tullius Cicero as well leading contemporaries of upper class Roman society. Cicero's treatise on friendship, *De Amicitia* was dedicated to him.

II. Glossary

plethora (353) *fullness, plenty*

apoplexy (353) *crippling by a stroke*

ambiguous (354) *capable of being
understood in two or more possible ways*

lassitude (355) *tiredness, exhaustion*

dryad (355) *wood nymph*

sedulously (357) *diligently*

mirth (359) *laughter*

populares party – *one which caters to the
mob, promising them everything*

imprudent (362), *unwise*

equanimity (363) *evenness of mind,
balanced of mind*

conjecture (365) *guess*

cerulean (368) *blue*

panoply (369) *a magnificent or impressive
array*

pragmatic (372) *practical*

purlieu (373) *a frequently visited place*

effete (379) *effeminate, weak*

expiate (390) *to extinguish the guilt incurred
by, or to atone for*

III. Questions (pages 353-400)

Chapter Thirty-two

1. Where have you observed high offices being “bought” and what will the consequences be, if the wealthy only are in power? (according to Caesar) (354)
2. Explain Marcus’ statement regarding the deadening of feelings when we observe cruelties. How does this occur in today’s world? (356)

3. What did Tullius quote from Aristotle regarding the Unknown God? (358) (summary)
4. Compare Sulla's philosophy to Lepidus'. (360)
5. What was the dream that Marcus had while he was so sick? (362)

Chapter Thirty-three

6. What did Catilina believe would happen to Lepidus, the populist, and why? Where did he go to eventually? (364-366)



7. What advice did Marcus' father Tullius give him regarding God? (367)
8. Where did Marcus go to regain his health? (368)
9. Who is the original source of truth, according to Noe? (370)
10. Even if Rome passes away, _____ will remain. (371)
11. What happens if men do not have a Constitution, but merely govern themselves by majority rule? (372)
12. Describe Greece as Marcus saw it. (374)
13. How do you know that Marcus was searching for the God of the Jews?(375)
14. What caused Marcus to be well again? (377)

Chapter Thirty-five

15. Have you ever had the breath knocked out of you? How did you recover?
16. Describe the important parts of the attack upon Marcus and Quintus in 3 sentences.
17. What did Marcus say to Julius Caesar after the attack? (384)

Chapter Thirty-six

18. What did the proconsul want to do after the attack? (388)

19. Fill in the blanks. Man and the State. Always must they be _____, for men had been given _____ by God, and the _____ hated _____, and loathed men and everlastingly fought against the rights of men.



The Parthenon in Greece

20. What type of woman with whom Marcus was considering marriage?

Chapter Thirty-seven

21. Tell a few of the new activities which Marcus embarked upon after his health had returned.