



## AP<sup>®</sup> Latin: Vergil 2002 Sample Student Responses

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In this passage, Jupiter is describing a sort of "golden age" in Rome's future. ~~Peace will be~~ <sup>In this</sup> period, he claims, "Aspera...positis mitescent saecula bellis" ("the harsh generations will soften, wars having been set aside"); that is, peace will abound in society. This time will also be a time of order rather than chaos: "cana Fides et Vesta, Remo cum fratre Quirinus iura dabunt" ("white-haired Faith and Vesta, Remulus with his brother Remus will give laws"). Finally, Jupiter announces that war, with all its chaos and disorder, will be present nowhere: "dirae ferro et compagibus artis claudentur Belli portae" ("the dreadful gates of war will be closed with iron and close-fitting joints"). He further enforces this idea ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> that madness and disorder <sup>of war</sup> will be gone by invoking a descriptive image of Madness himself: "Furor impius intus saeva sedens super arma et...vinctus post tergum...fremet horridus" ("Untoiled Madness sitting within atop savage weapons and... [his hands] bound behind his back...rages horribly"). So, in summary, Jupiter characterizes this time in Rome's history as one where peace and order abound, and chaotic war has been banished.

In Book I of the Aeneid, Jupiter interferes with the wedding of "Aeneas", fierce Juno in the affairs of Aeneas. In the excerpt from his speech to Juno, Jupiter prophesies the glory that the race of Aeneas will some day have. Jupiter both chronicles some of the greatness of Rome, but also the Pax Romana of Augustus.

In describing the future glory of Rome, Jupiter first mentions the future historical foundations of the Roman people ~~emphasize~~ - "Vesta, Remo cum fratre Quirinus iura dabunt;"; "Vesta, Quirinus (Romulus) with brother Remus will give laws/powers." Jupiter refers to the twins Romulus and Remus, who not only created the foundations for Roman monarchy, but from whom Augustus claimed to have descended.

Jupiter goes on to mention the long lasting peace that Augustus brought to the Roman people, the Pax Romana. The gates of War, which were very important to Romans, remained closed for a very long time under Augustus. Jupiter prophesies this as well, noting "claudentur Belli portae", "the gates of War will be closed."

Orderliness and justice were very important to Augustus. The themes of orderliness and duty run throughout the Aeneid. Jupiter foretells this as well in his vision of Rome. "Furor impius" is the cause of great turmoil in the Aeneid, as it enrages the indigenous Latins to fight against Aeneas. Jupiter sees "Furor impius... Centum viribus aenis post tergum nodis tenet horridus ore creata" - "Evil rage, chaired with a hundred brazen knots behind its back, roars with a bloody mouth." This vivid description of how voraciously anger and rage will

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be controlled in the future of Rome reinforces the idea of Rome as being peaceful, orderly, and righteous.

The ideas of order and righteousness were very important to the Romans, especially in the age of Augustus.

Jupiter prophesies these values in his sermon in Book I of the Aeneid.

In this passage Jupiter describes how peaceful Rome will be in this period. He says that harsh difficulties and wars will stop for ~~a while~~ (line 1). The most important parts of this prophecy, though, are the temple and the Fury (Furor). When both doors of the temple of War were closed, it meant that the ancient Romans were at peace with everyone. That did not happen often, so when it did Jupiter thought it important enough to mention (*dirae... clauduntur Belli portae* - 3-4).

Also of significance is Furor. Furor was a terrible ~~war~~ monster (*horridus ore cruento* - horrible with a bloody mouth - 6) who flew around stirring up dissent and wars, and inciting people to ~~hate~~ hate one another. At this time in history, though, the monster will be tied up with a hundred chains tied behind its back (*centum... nodis* - 5-6) and locked up so it cannot go around wreaking havoc on the existing peace.

These images spoke strongly and clearly to the Roman people Vergil was writing them for, ~~and~~ they conveyed just how peaceful Jupiter says Rome will be.