

**ESSAY QUESTION**

In sections 14 (below) and 30 (cf. p. 78), Cicero uses the word *imagines* to strengthen his discussion on the value of literature. Identify how he uses the term in each section: what function did they serve and under what conditions? How did Cicero himself make use of them in his own life? Does he seem consistent in each discussion? Use specific Latin from each section to support your statements.

14. Nam nisi multorum praeceptis multisque litteris mihi  
ab adulescentia suasissem nihil esse in vita magno opere  
expetendum nisi laudem atque honestatem, in ea autem  
persequenda omnis cruciatus corporis, omnia pericula  
5 mortis atque exsili parvi esse ducenda, numquam me pro  
salute vestra in tot ac tantas dimicationes atque in hos  
profligatorum hominum cotidianos impetus obiecissem.  
Sed pleni omnes sunt libri, plenae sapientium voces, plena  
exemplorum vetustas; quae iacerent in tenebris omnia, nisi  
10 litterarum lumen accederet. Quam multas nobis imagines  
non solum ad intuendum verum etiam ad imitandum  
fortissimorum virorum expressas scriptores et Graeci et  
Latini reliquerunt! Quas ego mihi semper in administranda  
re publica proponens animum et mentem meam ipsa  
15 cogitatione hominum excellentium conformabam.



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