



TAKE NOTE

Catilina Catiline was a bankrupt revolutionary whose plot to overthrow the Republic was exposed by Cicero. More information on Cicero and Catiline can be found in Chapter 9 of Level 1.

Franciscus Petrarca Francis Petrarch's name in Italian is Francesco Petrarca.

tēmetipsum The suffix *-met* added to *tē* (or *mē* or *sē*), with the pronoun *ipse* (in the appropriate case, gender, and number) sometimes added, creates an extra-emphatic form of the personal pronoun "yourself."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What prompts Petrarch to write to Cicero?
2. What kind of objections does Petrarch have against Cicero?
3. What life would Petrarch like for Cicero?
4. What time span divides Petrarch from Cicero?

Petrarch spent some time serving in a clerical position with the papal court which was in Avignon for most of the fourteenth century. The Papal Palace stands as one of the largest and best examples of secular Gothic architecture in Europe. Built onto a natural outcropping of rock, the palace overlooks the Rhône River.

