

Mārcus: Cūr putās mē legere dēbere?

Marīa: Rogāsne cūr legere dēbeās?

Mārcus: Ita, rogō.

Marīa: Legere dēbēs nōn solum ut multa dē Atticō, virō liberālī (*generous*), discās, sed etiam ut linguam Latīnam bene discās.

Mārcus: Bene. Legam. Discāmus omnēs.

ATTICUS HELPS THE ATHENIANS

CORNĒLIĪ NEPŌTIS ATTICUS, 2.3–6

In a period of scarcity at Athens, Atticus helps the Athenians with his own wealth. He loans them money without interest, and buys quantities of grain for their use.

- 1 3. Ac nē illa peregrīnātiō dētrīmentum aliquod afferret reī familiārī, eōdem magnam partem fortūnārum trāiēcit suārum. Hīc ita vīxit, ut ūniversīs Athēniēnsibus meritō esset cārissimus. 4. Nam praeter grātiam, quae iam in adulēsentulō magna erat, saepe suis opibus
- 5 inopiam eōrum pūblicam levāvit. Cum enim versūram facere pūblicē necesse esset neque eius condiōnem aequam habērent, semper sē interposuit atque ita, ut neque ūsūram umquam ab iīs accēperit neque longius, quam dictum esset, dēbere passus sit . . . (5) 6. Auxit hoc officium aliā quoque liberālitate. Nam ūniversōs frūmentō dōnāvit . . .

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