

READING 5 P. 62

CAESAR'S RESPONSE TO THE HELVETIANS

CAESAR *DĒ BELLŌ GALLICŌ* 1.6–7

Review Grammar in Language Facts: Indirect Statements (pp. 116–118, 355–356, 369–370, *LNM* 1); The Passive Periphrastic (pp. 345–346, *LNM* 2); Review of Gerund and Gerundive Uses (pp. 341–344, *LNM* 2)

New Grammar in a Study Tip, By the Way, or Notes: Roman System of Calendar Dates; Ablative of Degree of Difference; *Sī, Nisi, Num, Nē + quis*

Review Grammar in a Study Tip, By the Way, or Notes: Irregular Noun *Vis* (pp. 200–201, *LNM* 1); *Videō* in the Passive (p. 179, *LNM* 1)

Grammar Material Reviewed in a Reminder: The Highest Degree Possible

Standards: 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2

MAP WORK P. 62

Questions about the map on p. 53 can be found without answers in a document in the Teachers' Lounge on the LNM website at www.lnm.bolchazy.com. Teachers can make copies of the document for their students, project the document electronically in class, or email the document to their students. Answers will be provided in a separate document for the teacher's convenience.



TEACHING TIP

pp. 62–68

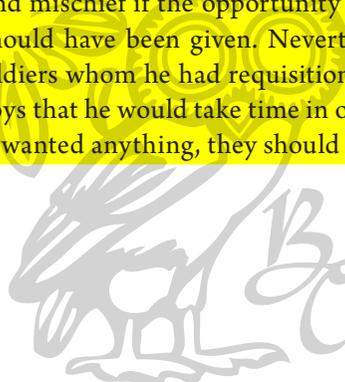
Teachers may wish to instruct students to use Google Earth to view the places on the map on the p. 53 map.

TRANSLATION P. 62

There were, in all, two routes, by which routes they [the Helvetians] could go out from their home: the one [was] through [the land of] the Sequanians, narrow and difficult, between the Iura mountain range and the Rhone river, where wagons one at a time could scarcely be drawn; moreover, the highest mountain was overhanging [the route], so that very few [men] could easily prevent [them from making their way]; the other [route] was through our province, much easier and more convenient, because between the boundaries of the Helvetians and the Allobrogians, who had recently been subdued, the Rhone river flows, and that [river] is crossed in some places by means of a ford. The farthest town of the Allobrogians and [the one] closest to the territory of the

Helvetians is Geneva. From this town a bridge extends to the Helvetians. They thought either they would persuade the Allobrogi, because they seemed not yet well disposed to the Roman people, or they would compel [them] by force to (in order that they) permit them to go through their boundaries. After all things had been prepared for departure, they assigned the day, on which day all were to meet near the bank of the Rhone river. That day was the fifth day before the Kalends of April [i.e., March 28th] in the consulship of L. Piso and A. Gabinius.

When it had been announced to Caesar, that they [the Helvetians] were trying to make a journey through our province, he hastened to depart from the city [of Rome] and proceeded into farther Gaul by [making] marches as long as possible and came to Geneva. He demanded from the entire province as great a number of soldiers as possible (there was altogether one legion in farther Gaul) [and] he ordered the bridge, which was near Geneva, to be cut down. When the Helvetians were informed of his arrival, they sent the most noble men of their state as envoys to him, of which embassy Nanneius and Verucloetius held the first place, in order to say that they intended to make a journey through the province without any mischief, because they had no other route: they asked that it be permitted to them to do that with his approval. Caesar, because he remembered that Lucius Cassius the consul had been killed and his army had been routed by the Helvetians and [his army] had been sent under the yoke, did not think that permission ought to be granted [by him]. And he thought that men with a hostile disposition (mind) would not refrain from harm and mischief if the opportunity of making a journey through the Province should have been given. Nevertheless, in order that time might pass until soldiers whom he had requisitioned should assemble, he responded to the envoys that he would take time in order to consider [the matter] carefully: if they wanted anything, they should return on the Ides of April [i.e., April 13th].



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