

GRAMMAR AND WORD USE QUESTIONS

- In line 29 and in line 31, what two words does Landívar use for melody?
Melos and modulamina.
- Considering related English words such as “mellow” and “modulate,” what qualities of music is he suggesting?
Its sweetness and its control.
- Explain the metonymy in line 35.
Mars is used for war.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- In line 30, what two adjectives describe the things he has to tell?
True and unusual.
- Cite the Latin and translate four words that describe the city of Mexicus.
Ampla, frequensque, viris, opibusque, superba “Large,” “populous,” “proud, in its men and resources.”
- What event drastically changed the city’s status?
Its people were defeated in war.
- What is the situation now?
The Hispanics rule there; the natives once did.

POETRY QUESTIONS

- Copy lines 28–31 on paper and scan them. Read them aloud.

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Tū, quī/ concen/tūs plec/trō moder/āris e/burnō,

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Et sã/crās can/tāre do/cēs modu/lāmina /Mūsās,

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Tū mihi/ vĕra qui/dem, sed/ certē/ rāra can/entī

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Dexter a/des, grā/tumque me/los lar/gĭre vo/cātus.