Latin 2

Writing Assignment

“Proscription List”

Imagine that you are a wealthy Roman patrician in the year 84 B.C. and have just found out that Sulla has placed your name on his proscription list. This means that you are wanted dead or alive and that if you are proscribed, all of your money and property are forfeited to the state. You essentially have 3 options:

1) You could commit suicide. By doing so, you control the method of your death and you prevent the state from confiscating your property, thereby leaving your family in an acceptable position financially.

2) You could flee the country. However, Sulla could name you an enemy of the state (i.e. a traitor) and your money and property would be confiscated and there is no guarantee that you still would not be caught and killed.

3) You could stay and fight or hope for the best. Sulla has the best-trained soldiers behind him and so the odds of leading a successful overthrow are miniscule.

Explain what you do. Your paper should contain a brief intro explaining the problem; your thesis (i.e. are you committing suicide, fleeing or staying put); and at least 3 reasons justifying your actions.

This assignment should be about 1 page long (250 words), it must be typed and I most likely will require you to submit it via turnitin.com. It will be due **Friday, December 19.**

Grading rubric:

Intro 20 points

Thesis 10 points

Body 60 points

 reason 1 (20)

 reason 2 (20)

 reason 3 (20)

Misc. (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.) 10 points

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