

# CICERO REPORTS HIS VICTORY OVER CATILINE

## GRAMMAR ASSUMED:

*Fifth Declension; Ablative of Place Where;  
Summary of Ablative Uses*

## WHEELLOCK: CHAPTER 22

*This is an excerpt from the third of Cicero's four speeches against Catiline. Cicero has driven Catiline out of Rome and now triumphantly reports to his fellow citizens what has transpired.*

Rem pūblicam, ō cīvēs, vītā omnium vestrum, bona,  
fortūnās, domum senātūs atque hanc pulchram urbem hōc  
diē labōribus, cōnsiliīs, periculīs meis ex igne atque ferrō  
ēripuī. Nunc, ō cīvēs, quoniam malōs ducēs malī bellī  
5 captōs iam tenētis, cōgitāre dēbētis dē bonā spē vestrā.  
Catilīna ex urbe mediā expulsus est. Erat ille quī timēbātur  
ab omnibus, tam diū dum urbis moenibus continēbātur.  
Nunc ille homō tam ācer, tam audāx, tam in scelere vigi-  
lāns, tam in malīs rēbus diligēns, sublātus est. Quamquam  
10 haec omnia, ō cīvēs, sunt ā mē administrāta, videntur  
tamen imperiō atque cōsiliō deōrum immortalium et  
gesta et prōvīsa esse. Nam multīs temporibus dī immor-  
tālēs spem fidemque huius rei pūblicae aluērunt. Hōc  
autem tempore praeclārissimās eīs grātiās agere dēbētis.  
15 Ēreptī enim estis ex crudēlissimā ac miserā morte, ēreptī  
(estis) sine caede, sine sanguine, sine exercitū.

Memoriā vestrā, ō cīvēs, nostrae rēs alentur; laus,  
fāma, glōriaque valēbunt; litterīs vīvent remanēbuntque. In  
perpetuā pāce esse possumus, ō cīvēs.

—adapted from Cicero, *Against Catiline* 3.1, 16–18, 23,  
26, 29

## VOCABULARY:

domus, -ūs, f.: house

labōribus, cōnsiliīs, periculīs: ablative of means

dux, ducis, m.: leader

Catilīna, -ae, m.: Catiline, leader of a conspiracy in 63 B.C.; his plans  
to overthrow the Roman government were discovered and foiled  
by Cicero, who was then serving as one of the two annually  
elected consuls in Rome

expellō, -ere, -pulī, -pulsus: to banish, expel

tam (adverb): so (tam diū dum = so long as)

moenia, -ium, n. pl.: walls

audāx, -ācis: bold, daring

vigilāns, -antis: watchful, vigilant

diligēns, -entis: careful, diligent

quamquam (conjunction): although

administrō (1): to manage, take charge of, execute

prōvideō, -ēre, -vīdī, -vīsus: to see to, provide for

gesta ... prōvīsa esse: to have been administered and provided for

praeclārissimus, -a, -um: most splendid, most glorious

crudēlissimus, -a, -um: most cruel

caedēs, -is, f.: slaughter, massacre

sanguis, -inis, m.: blood, bloodshed

exercitus, -ūs, m.: army