

During reading, you will be assigned one set of questions below to focus on. You will have time after to think and respond. Then, you will share your expertise with a larger group. The goal of the larger group is to share but also to collaborate and refine responses to put in one document. This will be worth 10 points.

Question set 1:

1. How does Cicero dismiss the claim of some philosophers that no one can be a good man without perfect wisdom?
2. How does Cicero identify what virtue is?

Question set 2:

1. Where does Cicero most clearly announce that his task is to discuss realistic rather than theoretical conditions?
2. How does the adage “You can choose your friends, but you can’t choose your relatives” apply to Cicero’s analysis of friendship?

Question set 3:

1. Note Cicero’s use of allusion. Why does Cicero refer to the three men identified in footnote 2?
2. According to Cicero, how do friends enrich one’s life?

Question set 4:

1. What evidence can you find that Cicero does not regard the word *companionship* as an exact synonym of *friendship*?
2. How do the use of the poem and the play scene enhance his discussion of friendship?

Question set 5:

1. How does Cicero define friendship?
2. How does Cicero use **paradox** in his discussion of friendship?