

**2020 NJCL
LATIN ORATORY
Level II**

The Virtues of Pompey

Ego enim sic existimo, in summo imperatore quattuor has res inesse oportere: scientiam rei militaris, virtutem, auctoritatem, felicitatem. Quis igitur hoc homine scientior umquam aut fuit aut esse debuit? Qui est ludo atque est pueritiae disciplinis bello maximo atque acerrimis hostibus ad patris exercitum atque in militiae disciplinam profectus est; qui extremam pueritiam miles in exercitu fuit summi imperatoris, ineunte adolescentiam maximam ipse exercitus imperator; qui saepius cum hoste conflavit quam quisquam cum inimico concertavit, plura bello gessit quam ceteri legerunt, plures provincias confecit quam alii concupiverunt.

Cicero, Pro Lege Manilia, 28

For I am of this opinion, that in the chief commander there should be these four qualities: a knowledge of military matters, courage, authority, and luck. So who has ever either been or ought to be more knowledgeable than this man? (He is a man) who started out from school days and the lessons of boyhood to his father's army and into the discipline of the military during a very great war with the fiercest enemy; who from earliest boyhood has been a soldier in the army of the chief commander, and as he was becoming a young man was himself the commander of a very great army; who has contended with a national enemy more often than anyone has fought with a personal foe, has accomplished more in war than all other men have read about, has established more provinces than others have dreamed of.