

Dictionary for Famous Men of Rome, The Moffats,  
My Side of the Mountain, Homer Price,  
and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

abide	stand
accomplished	highly skilled
accused	charged; blamed
accustomed	used to; familiar with
adequate	sufficient, enough
adjacent	next to, neighboring
adorned	decorated
adversaries	enemies; competitors
aedile	magistrate; judge
affectionate	loving
aghast	shocked; dismayed
alarmed	startled, overcome with sudden fear
altar	platform for worship or sacrifice
amateur	nonprofessional
ambassadors	diplomats; envoys, state officials sent to resolve dispute
amiable	friendly; good natured
amnesia	memory loss
amphi	Latin, from Greek: on both sides
appeal	make an earnest request
appeased	satisfied; relieved

appoint	assign to an office or duty
aqueduct	artificial channel for transporting water
arbitrate	help settle; decide
arbor	frame for growing vines
arena	round or oval stadium
armistice	truce
aroma	scent
asp	poisonous serpent
astonish	to surprise
augur	male fortuneteller
Augustus	Latin: sacred, venerable
avenge	to take vengeance on another
avert	to avoid
avid	eager, enthusiastic

balancing the demand with the supply

baleful	providing the amount buyers want
ballista	threatening harm
bane	machine for throwing heavy stones
banish	person or thing causing someone's downfall
barbarian	to expel from a place, as a punishment
	savage; uncivilized; non-Roman

barometer	instrument of measure used in forecasting weather
barricade	defensive barrier
barter	direct exchange of goods without money
battering rams	engine designed to break down walls
beckoned	gestured to someone to come
bedlam	total confusion
befriend	to make a friend of
belligerently	aggressively
besiege	to surround by army
bidding	orders
blanched	whitened by color being removed
blunders	mistakes
boarding bridge	plank for boarding one ship from another
bole	trunk
boughs	branches of a tree
bow	front part of a ship
cache	hidden collection
calamity	disaster
campaign	a series of operations
cantered	galloped
Capitol	government building
carcass	dead body of an animal

careening	moving uncontrollably
catacombs	underground cemeteries, used by early Christians
cavort	jump or move around in a lively way
cease	to stop
ensor	magistrate in charge of the census
census	counting of a population; Latin: counting
chauffeur	a paid driver
chromium	shiny, decorative
chute	slide
cinders	hot ashes
coax	tempt
coecus	Latin: blind
cohort	company of soldiers, one-tenth of a legion
colossal	of immense size
colossus	huge statue
coltish	energetic but awkward in one's movements
commentators	announcers
commission	fee
composure	self-control
comrade	friend, companion
concealed	hidden
condemn	to convict as guilty

condemned	sentenced, convicted as guilty
consolation	comfort
conspicuous	standing out
conspirator	one who makes a plot
consternation	concern; worry
consuls	highest elected officials of Rome
	looking down on; scorn; lack of respect;
	dislike
contempt	
contented	happy, satisfied
contentment	a feeling of calm or satisfaction
convert	to change religions
convincing	believable
copse	small group of trees
cordial	a strong, sweetened liquor
cordially	in a warm; friendly manner
courtiers	attendants in the royal court
crag	rugged cliffs
create the market	make buyers desire a product

dales	valleys
daubed	spread; smeared
deadfall	a trap consisting of a heavy weight positioned to fall on an animal
decoy	a lure used by a hunter
deducing	reaching a conclusion by reasoning
defied	challenged; stubbornly resisted

deft	nimble
degenerate	to fall apart
degraded	lowered in rank; disgraced
dejection	low spirits
depot	train station
descendants	offspring
dethrone	to remove from the throne
devices	machines
devour	to eat up
diameter	the distance across a circle
dictator	leader appointed for 6 months during danger
dignity	high importance; deserving respect
disconsolately	cheerlessly
disdainful	scornful
dismayed	disappointed; distressed
dispute	to disagree and argue
distinctive	one-of-a-kind
diversion	distraction or entertainment
dominions	lands ruled by someone
downcast	depressed, sad
dunce	ignorant person
dwindled	became gradually less
eagle bearer	soldier who carried pole with eagles on top

eddies	circular movements of water
edible fungus	safe-to-eat mushrooms
edict	official order
editorial	an opinion-based article
eerie	unnerving, spooky
eloquence	beautiful speech
eloquent	well-spoken, expressive
emphatic	forceful; urgent
encamp	to set up camp
enchanted	put under a spell
engaged	involved
engrossed	focused; absorbed
enterprising	adventurous
entitled	had a right to; deserved
entrenched	surrounded by trenches
envoy	government messenger
erect	to build up; to raise up
evoking	bringing about
exasperation	extreme annoyance, frustration
expectancy	anticipation; suspense
expel	to force out
extravagance	luxury, excess

fasces	emblem of authority: ax in a bundle of rods
fast	tightly

feeble	weak
felix	Latin: happy or fortunate
felled	cut down
ferocious	vicious
fervently	passionately; zealously
filial	befitting a son
flee	to escape from danger
flourishing	thriving
flushed	red in the face; rose-cheeked
flustered	agitated; confused
	a feeling that evil or misfortune is coming
foreboding	coming
forfeit	lost to someone else
forlorn	sad, downcast
fortified	protected with walls, engines, etc.
frantically	rapidly, with nervous activity
fraternizing	being friendly with someone
	gradually wearing something away by rubbing
fretting	rubbing
frittered away	wasted
fugitive	escaped criminal
furtively	secretively
gaiety	high-spirits, merrymaking
gallant	brave and dashing



gallivanting	wandering about
galumphed	moved clumsily
geography	the study of places on a map
gilded	layered with gold
gingerly	carefully
glen	a narrow valley
gloating	feeling great, often evil pleasure about someone's misfortune
glowering	scowling
glutton	greedy with food and drink
gluttony	too much eating or drinking
gnawed	worn away by chewing
gouging	taking advantage
grandeur	magnificence
groped	searched blindly or uncertainly
grub	the larva of an insect

haste	speed; rapidity
hasten	to move quickly; to hurry
heir	one who inherits
hermit	one who lives alone
hoax	a trick to make something seem real that's not
homage	praise
hordes	a large group of people
humbly	not arrogantly, modestly

ideal	perfect
idle	unproductive
ignominiously	disgracefully
immobile	not able to move
imperative	absolutely necessary
impersonate	to mimic
impertinent	rude; disrespectful
implored	urgently begged
imposing	impressive
impudence	rudeness, offensive boldness
incredible	unbelievable
incredulously	in disbelief
indifferent	unconcerned; uninterested
indignantly	with annoyance or resentment
induce	to persuade
industrious	skillful, diligent
inevitable	unavoidable
inferring	deducing or concluding
ingenuity	cleverness; inventiveness
inimitable	defying imitation; matchless
innocent	not guilty of a crime
innovative	in a new way
inopportune	inconvenient
inquisitive	curious, or wanting to know more

inroads	raids
insufferable	intolerable
intently	with great focus
interfere	to meddle, to get between others
intimate	close, very personal
investigate	to examine carefully
invigorating	energizing

January	first month of the year; month of Janus
javelin	light throwing spear
jeered	laughed scornfully at someone
jesses	short leather straps fastened around each leg of a bird
jugum	Latin: a yoke

kettle	metal pot for boiling water or cooking
knotholes	a hole in a piece of timber where a knot has fallen out

labarum	military symbol with cross and Christ's initials
laden	heavily loaded
laden	loaded down
languorous	still; sleepy

legion	division of Roman army, 4000-5000 men
lethargy	laziness
liberated	freed
lictor	police officer
logic	the study of thinking rightly
loitering	standing idly

magistrate	political official
maneuvering	changing movement or direction
mantle	outer covering, fur
martyred	greatly pained or tormented
mechanism	working parts
melancholy	depressed; sad
menacingly	threateningly
merchandising	selling; advertising
merciful	kind, showing mercy
mien	manner; appearance
modest	bashful; shy; not drawing attention to your achievements
monetary	having to do with money
monogram	symbol; initials
morose	gloomy; sullen

naumachia	mock ship battle, stadium for . . .
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nonchalantly	in a carefree or unconcerned manner
notorious	famously bad
obedient	obeying
object	disapprove of
ominous	threatening
orator	one who gives public speeches
ordinary	common, everyday kind
painstakingly	with great care
pale	not colorful, bright, or lively
papyrus	plant pounded to make paper
parapet	protective railing or barrier
	something wrapped up in paper;
parcels	packages
patricians	nobles; ruling class
patriotism	devotion to one's country
pavilion	a large tent
penance	self-punishment to show remorse
	a small pocketknife with a blade that folds into the handle
penknife	
pensive	thoughtful
perish	to die
persecute	to make suffer for one's beliefs

petty	small, insignificant, minor
picket	march in protest
pie	multi-colored
piers	platforms over water
pillar	stone column
pilum	long spear
pixied	put a magic spell on
plebeians	the common people
plot	plan, conspiracy
plumage	a bird's feathers
plunder	to take goods by force
plunge	to dive in and submerge
poaching	illegally hunting
pondered	thought carefully
portico	covered walkway; porch
preened	straightened and cleaned feathers with beak
principal	main; most important
principle	main idea; belief
prominent	standing out, of high status
prophecy	prediction
prosperous	flourishing
protruded	extended
province	directly-ruled region of the Roman Empire
provisions	food; supplies

prow	front end of a Roman warship
pulpit	platform for public speaking
Punic	Phoenician

quarantine	enforced isolation
quarrel	fight, argument
quarry	a hunted animal; prey
quavery	wavering; shaky
queer	strange
quelled	stopped

receptive	receiving; willing to consider change
recuperate	to recover; to get better
refuge	place of shelter
reign	period of rule
reliable	dependable; trustworthy
reluctant	unwilling
remonstrance	protest; bargain
renounced	given up something that was yours
renowned	famous, widely known
replicas	copies; models
reprimand	to scold sharply
reproach	disapproval
repulsive	disgusting
resign	to give up, leave voluntarily

resolute	determined
resolve	decided; planned; made up his mind
resolved	decided; planned; made up his mind
revelry	loud merrymaking
revenge	act of getting even
riffles	rocky or shallow parts of a stream or river with rough water
romp	very lively, carefree play
rostrum	metal figure on prow, resembling a bird's beak
ruddy	having a healthy red color

sagely	wisely
sanguine	pleasant
sarcastically	mockingly
sauntered	leisurely strolled
savage	ferocious, uncivilized
savory	having an appetizing taste
Scaevola	Latin: left-handed
scarcity	lack, insufficiency
schemes	secret plans meant to harm someone
scornfully	with contempt
scourge	to whip; to inflict pain
seize	to grab
seldom	rarely



senate	legislative assembly
sepulchral	gloomy; dismal
severe	harsh
	climbed, using hands and legs for
shinned	gripping
shrill	loud high-pitched sound
sibyl	female fortuneteller
siege	blockade of a city
simpleton	simple-minded person
skeptical	doubtful
skulked	moved stealthily; lurked
slay	to kill
soldered	attached with hot metal
sole	only
solemn	deeply serious and sober
	valuables taken from an enemy in
spoils	war
spurn	turn down; decline
standard	pole with emblem identifying legion
statuary	statues
stern	strict; back part of a ship
sternly	harshly; with severity
stoa	Greek: a roofed colonnade or porch
stout	resolute; firm
	narrow sea between two points of
straight	land

stroobly	speckled
stylus	tool for writing on wax tablet
sub	Latin: under
subdued	quiet; restrained
subjugate	to subdue, conquer
sublicae	wooden pillings
	to give in, surrender to another's
submit	authority
subsequently	afterward
	process of replacing one ruler with
succession	another
successor	someone who follows
sulky	gloomy
	to command someone to come; to call;
summon	to request
suspicion	mistrust
suspicious	distrustful
tallow	hard, fatty substance
	to make fun of; to tease in a
taunt	mocking way
tawny	yellow
tethers	a rope or chain with which an animal is tied to restrict its
	movement
threadbare	thin and tattered
tier	row of seats

toga	white, woolen, formal attire of noble Romans
torques	Latin: twisted collar
torrent	flood
traitor	one who betrays others
transplant	move and re-plant marked by betrayal of confidence or trust
treacherous	act of disloyalty toward one's government; betrayal of country
treason	
trifle	a tiny bit
triumphal	in celebration of a victory
triumvirs	members of a 3-man ruling body
trudged	walked wearily
tubers	a thickened root
tumult	confused and noisy commotion
tyrant	oppressive ruler; cruel leader
unaccustomed	unusual
unanimous	of one mind; in full agreement
unbounded	without boundaries, unlimited
undisputed	unarguable
unkindly disposed	cross; irritated
unprecedented	never before seen
untoward	unexpected and inappropriate bravery and boldness

valor	
vanished	disappeared
vanquish	to conquer
vassal	one who owes allegiance
vast	huge, of great extent
vengeance	retaliation, revenge
vermin	disgusting animal or person
veto	power to prevent the passing of a law; Latin: I forbid
viaduct	bridge
victor	winner
vile	disgusting or foul
villain	criminal
volume	cylindrical roll of paper or parchment; volumen is Latin for 'roll'
wavery	unsteady
zoology	the study of animal life