

City of God
Study Questions
Books I and II

Name: _____

BOOK I

Preface:

According to Augustine, what is the purpose of the war?

CH. 1

What benefit was Christianity to the people of Rome?

CH. 2

What advantage did the Greek gods offer to Priam, the sentries, and to Troy?

CH. 4-6

What happened to the Temples and Statues of the Greek and Roman gods in previous wars?

CH. 7

What was hitherto unprecedented that took place in the invasion of Rome at the time of Augustine's writing?

CH. 8-9

What does Augustine say about why good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people?

CH. 14:

According to Augustine, what kind of God do the Christians worship?

CH. 15

What do we learn about the Greek and Roman Gods from the death of Marcus Aurelius Regulus?

CH. 16

What comfort does Augustine give to Christian women who experienced sexual abuse during the invasion of Rome?

CH. 17-20

What are Augustine's teachings on suicide?

CH. 21

Explain the difference between killing and murder.

CH. 22-27

Is there ever a situation where Augustine would approve of suicide? Explain.

CH. 29

What is the Christian's reward?

CH. 32

What kind of behavior did the pagan gods encourage?

CH. 33

What was the true cause of the fall of Rome?

CH. 34

What attitude should the Romans who found sanctuary in Christian churches have?

BOOK II

CH. 2

Does Augustine believe that Christianity caused the fall of Rome? Why or why not?

CH. 3

Was Rome free from problems before the advent of Christianity?

Why was the blame for the fall of Rome placed upon the Christians?

CH. 4

Why did the gods allow the morals of their worshippers to sink to such low depths?

CH. 8-20

What was the effect of pagan poetry upon the morals of the Romans?

CH. 22-28

What characteristics were dominant in Rome prior to its fall?

CH. 29

In view of what he has already said, what does Augustine call people to do?