2004 VJCL Convention Open *Certamen*
Round II

1. TOSS UP: Welcome to Round II of the VJCL Convention Open *Certamen*. Since you are attending a convention, you should be able to tell me that the root Latin verb *veniō, venīre*, from which the word "convention" derives, means what? ANS: come, be on the way (from *veniō, venīre*) (NOT "arrive" or "gather" or "assemble")

   a. BONUS: What Latin preposition gets added as a prefix to the verb *venio* to make *conveniō, convenīre,* the compound verb meaning, "come together" or "gather"? ANS: *cum*

2. TOSS UP: Speaking of gatherings, the gods used to get together every once in a while too. One famous gathering came when Juppiter called a council of the gods to order the other gods to stop interfering with what Trojan refugee who was destined to found the city of Latium? ANS: Aeneas

   a. BONUS: The importance of Aeneas being able to fulfill his destiny was that his son would found the city of Alba Longa and his son's descendants would eventually lead to Romulus and Remus. Who was this son of Aeneas? ANS: Iulus /Ascanius

3. TOSS UP: Romulus, as you know, was the founder of Rome, but he was not necessarily its best king. Some might argue that this distinction goes to his successor, the second king of Rome, whose 43-year reign was known for its relative peacefulness and religious innovations. Who was this second king of Rome? ANS: Numa (Pompilius)

   a. BONUS: Unlike Numa, the third king of Rome is remembered for his hostile nature because he waged war against both the Albans and Sabines. Who was this third king of Rome? ANS: Tullus Hostilius

4. TOSS UP: Under what circumstance would the Romans call a consul a *novus homo* or "new man"? ANS: When this person was the <u>first</u> in his <u>family</u> to <u>hold the office of the consul/consulship</u>

   a. BONUS: What *novus homo* and military reformer held the consulship an unprecedented seven times during the late Republic? (Gaius) Marius

5. TOSS UP: What English noun, meaning "a light, usually small umbrella carried as protection from the sun," derives from a combination of the Latin verb *parāre* and the Latin noun *sōl*? ANS: parasol

   a. BONUS: A parasol literally prepares you for the sun. What object literally prepares you for a fall? ANS: parachute (from *parāre* and *cadere*, "to fall")

6. TOSS UP: When you are recognized, perform the action indicated in the following Latin command: *Fac sonum equī*. ANS: (A student (not more than one) must make the sound of a horse)

7. BONUS: Now perform the action indicated in this Latin command: *Tenē manum dextram amicī tuī aut tuae amicae.* ANS: (Student is to hold the right hand of either a male or female friend)

8. TOSS UP: What god created horses for mankind and fathered a flying horse named Pegasus with Medusa? ANS: Poseidon / Neptune

    a. BONUS: Poseidon (rather than King Aegeus) is sometimes considered to be the father of what famous Athenian hero? ANS: Theseus

9. TOSS UP: Speaking of horses, what Julio-Claudian emperor was so fond of his racehorse Incitatus that some historians claimed he considered making him a consul? ANS: Caligula (C. Julius Caesar Augustus Germanicus)

    a. BONUS: Clearly Caligula was crazy. In fact, he was so crazy that he became intolerable and was eventually assassinated. What stuttering uncle of his replaced him as emperor of Rome? ANS: Claudius (Tiberius Claudius Nero Drusus Germanicus)

10. TOSS UP: A Roman man's name usually consisted of a *praenomen*, *nomen* and *cognomen*. Which of the following names is an example of a *praenomen*? Julius, Pompeius, Africanus, Lucius, or Claudius. ANS: Lucius

    a. BONUS: What praenomen did the Romans abbreviate as "M."? Marcus

11. TOSS UP: Make the following Latin verb future tense, keeping all of its other verbal characteristics the same: *docēo*. ANS: *docēbō*

    a. Now do the same with the verb *agō*, keeping all other characteristics the same. ANS: *agam*