

**Classical Association of New South Wales  
Reading competition 2010**

**Readings for the preliminary round, 9 and 11 June 2010**

**Year 10 Latin: Virgil *Aeneid* 2.27-34\***

- 27 panduntur portae, iuuat ire et Dorica castra  
desertosque uidere locos litusque relictum:  
hic Dolopum manus, hic saeuus tendebat Achilles;
- 30 classibus hic locus, hic acie certare solebant.  
pars stupet innuptae donum exitiale Mineruae  
et molem mirantur equi; primusque Thymoetes  
duci intra muros hortatur et arce locari,
- 34 siue dolo seu iam Troiae sic fata ferebant.

*The Trojans go out of Troy and look at the horse which the Greeks have left*

The gates are open: it pleases (us) to go and see the Greek camp and the deserted places, and the left-behind shore:

‘Here [was] the force of the Dolopians ... Here savage Achilles used to have his tent ... This was where the ships were ... Here’s where they used to fight in the line of battle ...’

Some are struck dumb at the deadly gift of unmarried Minerva, and astonished at the size of the horse; and Thymoetes is first to suggest it should be brought inside the walls and placed on the citadel—either he was being deceitful, or the Fates were already leading Troy that way.

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\* Text from J. B. Greenough, *Bucolics, Aeneid, and Georgics of Vergil* (Boston: Ginn & Co., 1900).