Caesar Selections from his Commentarii De Bello Gallico

- High Frequency Vocabulary -

NB: This sheet provides only essential meanings. When students encounter a word for the first time, they should consult the full entry for the word in the glossary, which provides additional definitions and the roots. If the full entry also references the grammatical appendix, the word is marked on this sheet with an asterisk *. The complete glossary explains how vocabulary entries have been constructed.

- ā, ab, abs, prep., abl., (1) from, away from; (2) at, in, on; ā tergō, in the rear; (3) ab mīlibus passuum duōbus, two miles away; (4) by; (5) in respect to, after.
 ac, see atque.
 ac•cidō, -cidere, -cidī, —, fall to; befall; happen, occur.
 ac•cipiō, -cipere, -cēpī, -ceptum, take to oneself, accept;
- experience, suffer; learn, hear, take.
 ad, prep., acc., (1) to, toward, against; (2) at, near; (3) for (the
 purpose of); (4) numbers: up to, about; (5) time: up to, until; at,

on; (6) after, according to, among.

- advent•us, -ūs, *m.*, arrival, approach. ag•er, -rī, *m.*, field; district, territory.
- ali•quis, -quid, and ali•quī, -qua, -quod, indef. pron., someone, something; anyone, anything, any.*
- ali•us, -a, -ud, gen., alīus, another, other; alius...alius, one ... another; pl.: some ... others.*

alt•er, -era, -erum, the other (of two); second; the one; alter...
alter, the one ... the other; alterī...alterī, the one party...
the other.*

Ambior•ix, -igis, m., Ambiorix, king of Eburones.

ann•us, -ī, m., year.

- **ante** *adv.*, (1) before, above, previously; (2) *prep.*, *acc.*, before, in front of.
- **apud**, *prep., acc.,* at, among, near, with; at the house of, in the presence of.
- arbitror, 1, decide, think, believe.
- arm•a, -ōrum, n. pl., arms, weapons; battle, war.

at, conj., but, at least.

atque, ac, conj. (1) and also, and even, and; (2) comparisons: than, as, from.

aut, conj., or; aut...aut, either...or.

autem, conj., but; however; moreover.

Belg•ae, -ārum, m., the Belgae.

bell•um, **-i**, *n*., war.

Britanni•a, -ae, f., Britannia, Britain.

- **Caes**•ar, -aris, m., (1) Gaius Julius Caesar; (2) Lucius Julius Caesar, a lieutenant.
- cap•iō, -ere, cēpī, captum, take, capture, catch; take in, trick; take up (arms); choose (a spot); adopt (a plan); reach; arrive (at); make (a beginning); collem capere, take a position on a hill; fugam capere, take to flight.
- castr•a, -ōrum, n. pl., (fortified) camp; castra facere or pōnere, pitch camp; castra movēre, break camp.
- caus•a, -ae, f., cause, reason, motive; situation; a (*legal*) case; causam dīcere, to plead a case; causā, with gen., for the sake or purpose of.
- celeri•tās, -tātis, f., speed, swiftness.
- cert•us, -a, -um, adj., certain, sure, fixed; certiorem facere, inform (with acc. and inf.); order (with ut or nē and subjunctive); certior fierī, be informed.

Cicer•**ō**, -**ōni***s*, *m*., Quintus Tullius Cicero, *a lieutenant*. **circiter**, *adv*., about, around, near.

circum•venio, -venīre, -venī, -ventum, surround, cut off, beset; betray.

cīvi•tās, -tātis, f., citizenship; state.

coepī, coepisse, began, undertook; coeptus, perf. part., begun.* cog•nōscō, -nōscere, -nōvī, -nitum, learn; study; perf.: I know.* cōgō, cōgere, coēgī, coāctum, collect, assemble; force, compel. cohor•s, -tis, f., cohort.

colloco, 1, place, set, station; arrange.

- col·loquor, -loquī, -locūtus sum, speak with, have a conference.
- **commūn•is, -e**, *adj.*, common, general; **rēs commūnis**, the common interest.
- cōnsili•um, -ī, n., deliberation; counsel, advice; plan; course of action; judgement; wisdom; council (of war); commūnī cōnsiliō, by or in accordance with general action; pūblicō cōnsiliō, by action of the state; cōnsilium capere or inīre, form or adopt a plan; cōnsilium habēre, think, consider.
- cōn-stituō, -stituere, -stituī, -stitūtum, set up, construct, appoint, decide, decree, establish; draw up (troops in formation); anchor (ships); raise (a legion).
- con-suēsco, -suēscere, -suēvī, -suētum, become used to; perf., be accustomed; consuētus, perf. part. as adj., accustomed, usual.*
- con•tineō, -tinēre, -tinuī, -tentum, hold, keep, restrain; bound, shut up, contain; sē continēre, with abl., remain in, on, or within.

contrōversi•a, -ae, *f.*, dispute, argument.

- con•veniō, -venīre, -vēnī, -ventum, come together, assemble; meet; arrive; be agreed upon; *impers*.: be convenient, suitable, or necessary.
- copi-a, -ae, f., supply, plenty, number; pl.: resources; forces, troops.

cum, conj., when, as, while; after, as soon as; whenever; since, because; although; cum ... tum, not only ... but also, both ... and; cum prīmum, as soon as.*

cum, prep., abl., with, together with.

- dē, prep., abl., (1) place: from, down or away from, out of; (2) *time*: just after, about; (3) about, concerning, in accordance with.
- dīcō, dīcere, dīxī, dictum, say, tell, speak, mention; name, appoint; causam dīcere, plead a case.
- diēs, diēī, *m. and f.*, day; time; **in diēs**, from day to day; **diem ex** diē, day after day.
- dis•cēdō, -cēdere, -cessī, -cessum, go away, depart, retire; leave.
- do, dare, dedi, datum, give, grant, furnish; offer; yield, give up; in fugam dare, put to flight.*
- **dūcō, dūcere, dūxī, ductum**, lead, conduct, guide, draw; bring, fetch; trace, construct, extend; deem, consider, judge; protract, defer.

dum, *conj.*, while, as long as; till, until. **du•o**, **-ae**, **-a**, *card. num.*, *adj.*, two.*

ē, ex, prep., abl., (1) place: out of, from, away from; on; ūnā ex parte, on one side; (2) time: from, after, since; ex itinere, immediately after the march; (3) of, because of, in accordance with; ē regiõne, opposite.

equ•es, -itis, m., a horseman; equestrian; pl.: cavalry.

equitāt•us, -ūs, *m.*, cavalry, horsemen.

equ•us, -ī, m., horse.

et, *conj.*, and; also, too, even; **et** . . . **et**, both . . . and.

etiam, conj., and also, also, even, yet.

exercit•us, -ūs, m., an army.

exīstimō, 1, reckon, think, consider.

facile, adv., easily, readily. Comp.: facilius; superl.: facillime.*
facil-is, -e, adj., easy.

fac•iō, -ere, fēcī, factum, make, construct, form, do, execute
 (commands); give (opportunity); with ut, bring about, cause;
 intransitive.: do, act. Pass.: fīō, fierī, factus sum, result, happen,
 come to pass.*

ferē, *adv.*, almost, nearly, about, for the most part.

ferō, ferre, tulī, lātum, carry, bear, bring; endure, suffer, support, withstand; receive; tell, report, give, render (aid); offer, propose (terms); graviter or molestē ferre, be annoyed or angry at; pass. (sometimes) rush. *

fīn•is, -is, m., boundary, limit, border, end; pl. borders; territory, country.

flūm•en, -inis, *n.*, river, stream.

frūment•um, -ī, n., grain; pl.: crops.

Galli•a, -ae, f., Gaul.

Gall•us, -a, -um, *adj.*, Gallic; *pl.*: the Gauls.

gen-us, -**eris**, *n.*, descent, origin, race, class, tribe, family; kind, nature.

Germān•ī, **-ōrum**, *m*., the Germani.

ger•ō, -ere, gessī, gestum, carry, bear, wield; (of war) carry on, perform, wage, conduct; pass.: be done, go on, occur.

grav-is, **-e**, *adj.*, heavy, oppressive, hard, severe, serious; advanced (*in years*).

hab•eō, -ēre, -uī, -itum, have, hold, possess; think, consider, regard; deliver (with ōrātiōnem); in animō habēre, intend; ratiōnem habēre, have regard for; take care or see that (followed by an ut clause); cōnsilium habēre, form a plan; in numerō hostium habēre, consider as enemies; aliter sē habēre, be otherwise or be different.*

Helveti•us, -a, -um, *adj.*, Helvetian; *pl.*: the Helvetii.

hībern•a, -ōrum, n., winter camp or quarters.

hic, haec, hoc, demon. pron.: this, this man, this woman, this thing; he, she, it; abl. sing. hōc, on this account, in this respect; the (with comp.); hic ... ille, the latter ... the former.*

hom•ō, -inis, m., human being, person; pl.: humankind, humanity.

host-is, *-is*, *m. or f.*, (*public*) enemy, enemy combatant; *pl.*: the enemy.

idem, eadem, idem, demon. pron., the same; this very; idem
 atque, the same as.*

ille, illa, illud, gen. illīus, demon. pron., that, that man, that woman, that thing; he, she, it; hic ... ille, the latter ... the former.*

in, prep., acc. & abl. Acc.: (1) into, to; in, among; toward, for, against; at; upon; (2) time: till, into; for; on, at; (3) in, in respect to, for, under, over, on; **in diēs**, from day to day; **in fugam conicere**, to put to flight; **in Caesarem incidere**, meet with Caesar; **summum in cruciātum venīre**, be punished with the severest torture. *Abl.*: (1) in, among, over, within, throughout, on, upon; (2) *time*: in, during, in the course of; on; (3) in, in the case of; in consequence of, in view of; on, upon; **in opere esse**, be engaged in the work.

inter, prep., acc., (1) among, between; (2) time: during; (3) with
reflex. pron., with, to, or from each other or one another, as
inter sē differunt, differ from one another; each other, one
another.*

inter•ficiō, -ficere, -fēcī, -fectum, make away with, kill, destroy. **interim**, *adv.*, meanwhile, in the meantime.

ipse, ipsa, ipsum, gen., ipsīus, intensive pron., self; himself, herself, itself, themselves; he, she, it, they; as adj., very; in gen., his, her, its, or their own. (Not reflex.; compare sē.)*

is, ea, id, gen. eius, weak demon. pron., this, that, these, those; he, she, it, they; as is locus quō, a or the place where; ea quae, (the) things which; eō, with comp., the; eō magis, all the more.*

ita, *adv.*, so, thus, in this way; as follows; **ut...ita**, in proportion

... in such proportion as/as ...

so; **non ita**, not so very, not very;

ita . . . ut, just . . . as/so . . . that.

iter, itineris, n., route, road; march; iter facere, march, travel; magnīs itineribus, by forced marches.

iubeō, iubēre, iussī, iussum, order, command, enjoin, bid.

lātus, see ferō.

lēgāt•us, -ī, m., ambassador, envoy, legate; lieutenant.

legi•ō, **-ōnis**, *f.*, a legion.

litter•a, -ae, *f.*, a letter *of the alphabet*; *pl.*: letters; letter, written message.

loc•us, -ī, m. (pl. loc•a, -ōrum, n.), place, position, situation; topic; condition, state; rank, family; opportunity; obsidum locō, as hostages.

longē, *adv.*, far, far away, distant, **longē lātēque**, far and wide. **long•us**, **-a**, **-um**, *adj.*, distant, long; of long duration; tedious.

magn•us, -a, -um, adj., large, big, great, much; important, extensive; loud (voice); high (tide); magnī (gen. sing. n.), of great importance; magnīs itineribus, by forced marches. Comp.: maior; superl.: maximus.

maior, maius, adj., larger, bigger, greater; older; as noun: maiorēs natū, elders, old men; maiorēs, ancestors.

man-us, **-ūs**, *f.*, (1) hand; **manū**, by hand, by art; (2) an armed force, troop, band, gang, company.

mīl•es, -itis, m., soldier; infantry; mīlitēs imperāre, draft soldiers from.

mīlle, *indecl. num. adj.*, a thousand; *pl.*: **mīl•ia**, **-ium**, *n.*, thousands (*usually followed by a partitive gen.*); **mīlia passuum**, thousands of paces, miles.

minus, *adv. comp.*, less; not at all, too little.

mittō, mittere, mīsī, missum, send, send off, dismiss, let go, dispatch; hurl.

mor•s, -tis, f., death; sibi mortem consciscere, commit suicide.

multitūd•ō, **-inis**, *f.*, a great number, multitude; the common people.

mult•us, -a, -um, adj., much, great; pl.: many; with abl. expressing time: late; as noun, many persons or things; comp.: plūs, plūris, more; pl.: more, several, many; superl.: plūrimus, -a, -um, most; pl.: very many. nam, conj., for.

nāv•is, -**is**, f., ship, boat; **nāvis longa**, warship; **nāvis onerāria**, transport ship.

nē (1), conj. with subjunctive, that ... not, so that ... not, in order that ... not, lest; after verbs of fearing, that, lest. (2), adv. not; **nē** ... **quidem** (enclosing the emphatic word), not even.*

-ne, interrog. enclitic: in direct questions, simply the sign of a question; in indirect questions, whether; -ne...-ne, -ne...an, utrum...-ne, whether...or.*

nec, neque, conj., and not, not, nor; but not; neque ... neque, neither ... nor.*

Nervi•us, **-a**, **-um**, *adj.*, of the Nervii; *pl.*: the Nervii, *a Belgic tribe*.

nihil, *indecl. noun, n.,* nothing; *with gen.,* no, none of; *acc. as adv.,* not, not at all, by no means.

noctū, *adv.*, by night, at night.

non, adv., not; no.*

nos•ter, **-tra**, **-trum**, *poss. adj.*, our, ours, our own; *pl.*: our men, our troops.

nox, noctis, f., night; media nox, middle of the night, midnight; multā nocte, late at night.

nūll•us, -a, -um, gen. nūllīus, adj., not any, no; as noun: no one, none; nōn nūllus, some; pl.: some, some persons.

numer•us, -ī, *m.*, number, quantity, amount; account.

omn•**is**, **-e**, *adj*., all, every, all the, every kind of, the whole, as a whole; *m. pl.*: all, every one; all the rest; *n. pl.*: all possessions or goods.

oppugnāti•ō, **-ōnis**, *f*., a storming, siege, assault; plan of attack.

ord•o, **-inis**, *m.*, row; rank, line *of soldiers;* arrangement, order.

Orgetor•**ix**, -**igis**, *m*., Orgetorix, Helvetian noble and conspirator.

par•s, -tis, f., part, share; (political) faction; direction, side, place; district, area.

pass-us, -ūs, m., a pace, step, stride, a distance of five Roman feet (= 4 feet, 10 ¼ inches U.S.); **mīlle passūs** or **passuum**, a Roman mile (4,857 feet U.S.).

per, *prep., acc.,* through, throughout; by means of, through the agency of, on account of, through the efforts of; **per sē**, of their own accord, on their own responsibility; *sometimes with intensive force,* in itself, themselves.

perīcul•um, -ī, n., trial, test, attempt; risk, danger, peril.

per•suādeō, -suādēre, -suāsī, -suāsum, convince, persuade, prevail upon.

per-tineō, **-tinēre**, **-tinuī**, **-tentum**, extend; pertain, have reference to, concern; tend, aim at; **eōdem pertinēre**, tend to the same purpose *or* result, amount to the same thing.

per-veniō, -venīre, -vēnī, -ventum, come to, arrive at, reach; of
 property, fall, revert.

petō, **petere**, **petīvī**, **petītum**, seek, hunt for, aim at, make for, attack, go to, direct one's course toward; seek to obtain, strive after; ask, request, beg.

plēr•īque, -aeque, -aque, adj. pl., very many, the most of; as
 noun: a great many, very many.

plūrimus or plūs, see multus.

popul-us, **-i**, *m.*, the people, the mass, the crowd; a people, a nation.

possum, posse, potuī, —, be able, can; have power *or* influence, have strength, be strong; *with* quam *and superl*.: as possible, *e.g.*,quam plūrimās possunt, as many as possible; multum posse, plūs posse *and* plūrimum posse, *see* multum.*

premō, **premere**, **pressī**, **pressum**, press, press upon, press hard; oppress, burden, annoy, harass.

prīmum, adv. first, at first, in the first place, for the first time; cum prīmum or ubi prīmum, as soon as, quam prīmum, as soon as possible, very soon.

prīm•us, -a, -um, adj., superl., first, foremost; first part of; pl.: the first, the front rank or ranks; leaders, chiefs; in prīmīs, especially.*

pro, *prep., abl.,* before, in front of; for, on behalf of; on account of, in consideration of, in return for; as, in the disguise of; in place of, instead of; in proportion to, according to.

proeli•um, -ī, n., battle, contest, engagement; proelium
 committere, join or begin battle, risk a fight, engage in battle,
 fight.

proficīscor, proficīscī, profectus sum, set out for, start out; go, proceed.

prōvinci•a, **-ae**, *f*., province; *also* the Province.

pūblic•us, **-a**, **-um**, *adj.*, of the state *or* people, common, public; *n*. *as noun*, public, public view; **rēs pūblica**, the state; the *Roman* Republic.

pugn•a, -ae, f., fight, battle, contest; genus pugnae, method of fighting.

pugn•ō, 1, fight, engage in battle, contend; strive; *often impers., as* **pugnātur**, it is fought, *i.e.*, they fight.

quā, *adv.*, by which way *or* route; in which place, where.

quant-us, -a, -um, *adj.*, (1) *interrog.*, how much? how large? how great? what? **quantum**, *as adv.*, how much? (2) *rel. pron.*, as much as, as; **quantum**, *as adv.*, as much as, as.

-que, enclitic conj., and; -que...-que, both ... and.

quī, **quae**, **quod**, *rel*. *pron*. (*see also*, **quis**), who, which, what; *often implying an antecedent*, he, she, *or* it who, those who; *equivalent of the demon.*, this *or* that; **quam ob rem**, for which reason (wherefore); **quem ad modum**, in what manner, how, as.

quīdam, quaedam, quiddam and quīdam, quaedam, quoddam, indef. pron., a certain one, someone; a certain, some, a; a kind of.*

quis, **quid** and **quī**, **quae**, **quod**, (1) *interrog*. *pron.*, who? which? what? **quam ob rem**, why? **quem ad modum**, how? (2) *indef*. *pron.*, *especially after* **sī**, **nisi**, **nē**, **num**, anyone, anything, any; somebody, something, some.*

quisque, **quidque** *and* **quisque**, **quaeque**, **quodque**, *universal indef. pron.*, each one, each; everyone, all.*

re•cipiō, -cipere, -cēpī, -ceptum, take or get back, recover; admit, receive, receive in surrender or submission; admit of, allow; with sē, withdraw oneself, retreat, escape, flee, run back; recover oneself.

rēgn•um, **-ī**, *n.*, royal authority, absolute power; despotism; kingdom.

re•linquō, -linquere, -līquī,

-lictum, leave behind, abandon; *pass.*, be left, remain.

reliqu•us, -a, -um, adj., left, remaining, the rest, the rest of; future, subsequent; n. noun: remainder, rest.

rēs, reī, f., of indef. meaning;

variously translated according to context; thing, object, matter, event, affair, occurrence; circumstance, case; act, action, deed; reason, ground; **rēs familiāris**, property; **rēs frūmentāria**, supplies; **rēs mīlitāris**, warfare; **novae rēs**, revolution; **rēs pūblica**, state; the *Roman* Republic; **rēs actae**, deeds, achievements; **quam ob rem**, see **quī** and **quis**.

Rhēn•us, **-ī**, *m*., the *river* Rhine.

Rhodan•us, **-i**, *m*., the *river* Rhone.

Rōmān•us, -a, -um, adj., Roman.

sal•ūs, -ūtis, f., welfare, security, safety; deliverance; place of safety; life (when in danger).

sē, see suī.

sed, conj., but, but yet.

- sī, *conj.*, if; if by chance; whether; **quod** sī, but if, now if. sibi, *see* suī.
- **sine**, *prep. with abl.*, without.

spēs, **speī**, *f*., hope, expectation.

- suī (gen.), sibi (dat.), sē or sēsē (acc. or abl.), reflex. pron. 3rd person, himself, herself, itself, themselves; he, she, it, they, etc.; inter sē, see inter.*
- sum, esse, fuī, —, be, exist, live; stay, remain; serve for; with gen.
 in predicate: be the mark or sign of; belong to; with dat.: have.*
- summ•us, -a, -um, adj., highest, very high; the top or highest part of; preeminent, chief, supreme; all.
- **superior**, -ius, *adj*. (1) *place*: upper, higher, superior; (2) *time*: previous, earlier, former.

super•us, -a, -um, adj., over, above.

sus•tineō, -tinēre, -tinuī,

-tentum, hold up, sustain; hold back, check, restrain; hold out against, withstand, endure, bear; hold out.

su•us, -a, -um, adj., reflex. pronominal adj., of or belonging to himself, herself, etc., his own, her own, its own, their own; his, hers, its, theirs; sua, n. pl. as noun: one's property; suī, m. pl. as noun: their men.*

tamen, *adv.*, yet, nevertheless, still, however; at least.

tant-us, -a, -um, *adj.*, so much, so great, so powerful, such.

tēl•um, -ī, n., missile, spear, javelin.

temp•us, **-oris**, *n*., a length of time, a time, time (*in general*); occasion, crisis; **omnī tempore**, always; **ūnō tempore**, at the same time, at once.

teneō, **tenēre**, **tenuī**, **tentum**, hold, keep, occupy, possess; hold in, restrain, bind; **sē tenēre**, remain; **memoriā tenēre**, remember.

tot-us, -a, -um, gen. totius, adj., the whole (of); entire, all; with force of adv., wholly, entirely.*

trēs, tria, gen. trium, card. num., adj., three.

tulī, see ferō.

tum, adv., then, at this or that time; then, secondly; then, also; cum...tum, see cum.

turr•is, **-is**, *f*., tower.

ūn·us, -a, -um, adj., gen. **ūnīus**, card. num., adj., one, the same one; single, alone; the sole, the only; the sole or only one.*

ūs•us, **-ūs**, *m.*, use, experience, practice, skill; service, advantage; need, necessity; **ūsus est**, there is need; **ūsuī esse** or **ex ūsū esse**, be of advantage or service.

ut and **utī**, adv. and conj., (1) as interrog. adv., how? (2) as rel. adv. and conj., as, in proportion as, just as; insomuch as; as if; (3) as conj. (a) with the ind., when, after; (b) with the subjunctive, that, in order that, to; that, so that, so as to; though, although; after words of fearing, that not, lest.

- **uter**, **utra**, **utrum**, *gen*. **utrīus**, *adj*. (1) *as interrog*., which one *or* which one *of two*; (2) *as rel.*, the one who, *of two*, whichever.*
- uterque, utraque, utrumque, adj., each of two, either of two; both.*

ūt•or, -ī, ūsus sum, make use of, employ, use, avail oneself of, exercise; have, enjoy, possess, experience, show; adopt, accept;
 ūsus, perf. part. often translated: with.

velim or vellem, see volo.

victōri•a, -ae, f., conquest, victory.

videō, vidēre, vīdī, vīsum, see, perceive, observe, examine, understand; see to, take care; *in pass.*, be seen; seem, appear; seem proper, seem best.

vir, virī, m., man; husband; a man of distinction or honor.

virt•ūs, -ūtis, f., manliness, bravery, valor, merit, worth, courage, virtue; strength, energy, force; pl.: good qualities, merits, virtues.

vīs, vīs, f., force, might, energy, strength; violence, severity; authority, power; a force, a great number; pl. vīrēs, strength, force; vim facere, use violence.*

volō, velle, voluī, —, wish, be willing, want, desire; prefer, choose; intend; mean.

terti•us, -a, -um, ord. num., adj., third.