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SECTION 2: Stanzas XIII-XX

STANZA XIII

1. Contrast the Romans and Etruscans in stanzas XI-XIII.

The Etruscans and their allies are an organized and powerful army. The Romans are farmers, and their families flee the countryside for the protection of the city.

STANZAS XIV-XV

2. Contrast the people pouring into Rome with the people pouring into Sutrium.

The men gathering before the gates of Sutrium are eager and confident. The Romans are in a panic.

STANZA XVI

3. What are the Roman people doing in stanza XVI? What are their leaders doing?

In the city, people see burning villages, the sign of the approach of the enemy. The senators remain assembled night and day, as they receive a steady stream of bad news.

STANZA XVII

4. Tuscan is another name for _____ Etruscan _____, as Tuscany is another name for _____ Etruria _____.

5. Summarize what the Etruscans have done. Name the two Etruscan leaders and the two strategic locations in their control.

The Etruscans have spread out over the whole region, destroying villages and farms. Verbenna has taken Ostia, and Astur has taken the Janiculum Hill.

STANZAS XVIII-XIX

6. Why do the city Fathers hold a council at the River-Gate, and what is their decision?

The Sublician Bridge outside the River-Gate was the only bridge across the Tiber into the city. They decide to tear it down.

STANZA XX

7. As the scout arrives, what do the senators see that confirms his desperate news?

They see a cloud of dust along the horizon.

MATCHING: Match the following terms with the correct definition.

 G 1. champaign

 L 2. Consul

 F 3. litters

 H 4. kine

 K 5. wan

 B 6. burghers

 I 7. dovecote

 J 8. girded

 A 9. hied

 E 10. naught

 C 11. swarthy

 D 12. straight

A. hastened

B. townspeople

C. reddish in color

D. immediately

E. nothing

F. stretchers

G. countryside

H. cattle

I. a coop where doves were raised for food

J. fastened with a belt or sash

K. pale

L. one of the two chief magistrates of Rome

MAP: Etruria (Blank)

