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Passage 1

Galba takes over from Nero as emperor, but his unpopularity leads to his assassination by supporters of Otho, who has also sought imperial power.

The unpopularity of the emperor Nero caused unrest in the Roman army. Some people therefore proposed a new emperor. Galba was one of those proposed.

legiones Romanae, cum imperatorem Neronem odissent, legatis suis persuadere conabantur ut imperium peterent. inter quos erat Galba, qui, quamquam iam senex erat, tribus legionibus praefectus erat. primo Galba nolebat imperium palam accipere, quod nesciebat quot milites senatoresque sibi faverent; deinde, simulac de morte Neronis certior factus est, Romam profectus est ad imperium postulandum. in urbe senatores magnopere gaudebant, quod credebant Galbam meliorem imperatorem fore quam Neronem. cives tamen, quibus Nero ludos¹ splendorum² saepe dederat, veriti ne Galba minus liberalis³ esset, erant iratissimi. ille vero, dum Romam progreditur, tot homines necari iussit, quos putavit inimicos sibi esse, ut maximus timor omnes occupaverit. pauci milites Othoni, viro summae nobilitatis⁴ sed ingenii pessimi, persuaserunt ut ipse imperium quaereret. praetoriani⁵ Othoni potius quam Galbae favebant, quod ille multa praemia promiserat, hic nullum. itaque pauci ex praetorianis⁵ Galbam in medio foro stantem occiderunt.

Based on Tacitus, *Histories I*

Names

<i>Nero</i> , -onis (m)	Nero
<i>Galba</i> , -ae (m)	Galba
<i>Otho</i> , -onis (m)	Otho

Words

¹ <i>ludi</i> , -orum (m pl)	gladiatorial shows
² <i>splendidus</i> , -a, -um	splendid
³ <i>liberalis</i> , -is, -e	generous
⁴ <i>nobilitas</i> , -atis (f)	nobility
⁵ <i>praetoriani</i> , -orum (m pl)	soldiers of the Praetorian Guard

Passage 2

Cicero is defending Roscius on a charge of murdering his father. He raises the question of motive in order to attack the two men, Titus and Capito, who gained possession of most of the dead man's estate, whereas Roscius was reduced to poverty.

You could find no motive for murder in Roscius, but I find one in Titus and Capito. Consider what Lucius Cassius would have made of the current case.

Lucius Cassius, quem populus Romanus verissimum et sapientissimum iudicem esse putabat, saepe in causis quaerere solebat, 'cui bono fuit¹?' sic vita hominum est, ut facinus committere nemo conetur sine spe emolument².

ego facile me paterer, Cassio ipso iudicante³, pro Roscio dicere. in hac enim causa, cum videret illos plurimam pecuniam habere, hunc in summa egestate⁴ esse, crimen et suspicionem⁵ potius ad praedam adiungeret quam ad egestatem⁴.

Cicero, *pro Roscio Amerino* 84–86 (adapted)

Names

Lucius Cassius, -i (m)
Roscius, -i (m)

Lucius Cassius (a famous judge from the previous century)
Roscius

Words

¹*bono esse*

to be of benefit

²*emolumentum, -i* (m)

profit, advantage

³*iudico, -are*

I judge, serve as judge

⁴*egestas, -atis* (f)

poverty

⁵*suspicio, -onis* (f)

suspicion

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