



Unit 25

Men of the Land

READING QUESTIONS

- These questions should be answered **while** reading the **Socratic Discussion** material for this unit.
- Answers should make use of complete sentences as well as good grammar, spelling, word choice, and so forth.
- Write your answers in below, so you have quick reference to use during the discussion.
- Review your answers before discussing to ensure that you are ready.

The numbers here correspond to paragraphs in the reading.

1. In closing this section, Cato gives six reasons why being a farmer is a good idea. List them.

2. Cato has a good eye for a farm. He compares a good farm to a good man in this paragraph. How exactly does he think they are the same? Do you agree?

3. Here Cato describes how the Pater should interact with the overseer on his first day on the farm. In a nutshell, describe what Cato recommends should be done and also how to act in this situation.

4. Cato thinks that certain activities should be undertaken in youth, others in maturity. What ages do each period refer to? Which activities belong to each period?

5. Cato uses an interesting expression here (at least in this translation), including the terms "Forehead" and "Hindhead." Explain what you think the expression means.

6. What are Cato’s practical reasons for being a good neighbor?

7. Given the list of duties that Cato associates with an overseer, would you like to have his job? Why or why not?

8. Do you think it would be healthful for you? Why or why not?

LITERARY CONCEPT

- Complete this task while reading the **Socratic Discussion Reading**.
- Memorize concepts; you will be quizzed in the future.

FOR MEMORIZATION*:

Analogy = comparison made between two things to show how they are alike.

TASK:

In the reading for this week, Cato draws an analogy between a farm and a man. In a short paragraph, compare a farm with something else in order to show how the two things are alike. Start your composition in this way, "A farm is like..." and then explain why the two are similar.

*Source – We drew some inspiration from this useful list:
<http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/16378/AP%20LITERARY%20TERMS.pdf>