Nomen ______________________________ The Sword of Damocles

king because

rex Syracusanorum erat Dionysius.| Syracusani eum regem fecerant| quod contra

he

Carthaginienses fortiter pugnaverat |et eos tandem superaverat.|

because kingdom

multi Syracusani igitur eum felicem vocabant| quod magnum regnum acceperat.| sed

it was not easy for him his to hold

Dionysius multas curas habebat, |multas sollicitudines.| non facile erat ei regnum suum obtinere;

it was not easy kingdom his to defend

|non facile erat regnum suum contra Carthaginienses defendere.|

very lucky

Damocles tamen semper dicebat:| "reges sunt felicissimi."| itaque Dionysius eum ad cenam

happily

invitavit.| Damocles ad aulam laetus contendit.| Dionysius locum optimum et vestem purpuream ei

gave where

dedit|. sed super lectum,| ubi Damocles recumbebat,| Dionysius gladium suspenderat.| filum,

which very thin/fine

|quod hunc gladium sustinebat,|erat tenuissimum.|

looked up at the sword from below he was

per totam cenam Damocles gladium suspiciebat. | semper sollicitus erat. |neque cibus, |quem

very sweet

Dionysius ei offerebat,| neque vinum, |quod suavissimum erat, |neque vestis purpurea |quam

was wearing to relieve were able

gerebat, |hanc sollicitudinem levare poterant.|

now I understand the truth

tandem, |"rem nunc intellego!"| exclamavit.| "vita,| quam reges habent,| non est

very happy/lucky

felicissima;| nam curae,| quae eos opprimunt, |omnia gaudia demunt."

Find the 15 pronouns in the story and list below:

1.	4.	7.	10.	13.
2.	5.	8.	11.	14.
3.	6.	9.	12.	15.

Carthaginienses – Carthaginians (*people of Carthage, a town in north Africa*)
cena, cenae, f – dinner
contendo, contendere, contendi, contendum – hurry
Damocles – Dam-oh-kleez
defendo, defendere, defendi, defensum – defend, protect
Dionysius – Die-oh-ny-sis (*King of the Syracusans*)
exclamo, exclamare, exclamavi, exclamatum – exclaim, shout out
fortiter – bravely
invito, invitare, invitavi, invitatum – invite
offero, offere, obtuli, oblatum – offer
omnia – everything
optimus, optima, optimum – very good, excellent, best
purpureus, purpurea, purpureum – purple
suavis, suave – sweet
Syracusani – Syracusans (*people of Syracuse, a Greek colony in Sicily*)
vestis, vestis, m – clothes
vinum, vini, n – wine