

レポート課題

四回生用

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Claudius was born at Lugdunum on 1 August, 10 BC, the very day when the first altar was dedicated there to Augustus the God; and he was given the name Tiberius Claudius Drusus. Subsequently he assumed the surname Germanicus after his brother had been admitted into the Julian House¹ as Tiberius' adopted son. He lost his father while he was still a baby. Nearly the whole of his childhood and youth was so troubled by various diseases that he grew dull-witted and had little physical strength; and on reaching the age at which he should have won a magistracy or chosen a private career, was considered by his family incapable of doing either.

Even adult status did not free him from the supervision of a tutor, about whom he later wrote: 'The man was a barbarian, an ex-transport officer who had been assigned the task of pushing me savagely whatever I might do.' Claudius' weak health also accounted for his being muffled in a cloak — an unprecedented sight — while presiding at the gladiatorial games given by Germanicus and himself to honour their father's memory; and at his coming of age, he was taken up to the Capitol in a litter, about midnight, without the customary solemn procession.

Though he applied himself seriously to literature while still a child, and published several samples of his proficiency in its various departments, this did not advance him to public office or inspire the family with brighter hopes for his future.

Claudius' mother, Antonia, often called him 'a monster: a man whom Nature had not finished but had merely begun'; and, if she ever accused

¹ユリウス家 (正確にはユリウス氏)

anyone of stupidity, would exclaim: 'He is a bigger fool ever than my son Claudius!' Livia, his grandmother, never failed to treat him with the deepest scorn, and seldom addressed him personally; her reproofs came in the form of brief, bitter letters or oral messages. When his sister Livilla heard someone predict that he would one day succeed to the throne, she prayed openly and aloud that the Roman people might be spared so cruel and undeserved a misfortune.

1. 文中の接続詞を順番に記せ。
2. 固有名詞 (Claudius, Lugdunum, Tiberius Claudius Drusus, Julian House, Tiberius, Germanicus, Antonia ..etc.) を除いて、わからなかった単語を書き出し、辞書を引いて語義を記せ。
3. 全文をわかるように翻訳せよ。
4. レポートの最初に大きく赤字で ④ と記し、指定のボックスに提出すること。

参考文献

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