

# Prince Perseus Power Exercises

## Advanced Level

### Word Searches in Vergil's *Aeneid*

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**Note:** There are many different ways to go back to web pages you have viewed using various browser menus and buttons. One method is suggested in this exercise but please use the method with which you are most comfortable.

1. Go to the Perseus web site, <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>.
2. Click on the "Texts" button on the home page.
3. Click on the "Latin Texts and English translations" icon.
4. Click on "Vergil" in the list of authors.
5. Click on *Aeneid* in "Latin. "
6. Click on "Book 1."
7. Go to line 4 and click on "saevae." The "Morphological Analysis" window should appear.
8. Click on "67" under Max. Inst. The Latin "Word Search" screen should appear.

How many times in Books 1-6 is the word "saevus" (or any form of it) used?

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In addition to Juno, who are some of the characters described by this word?

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In what other works by Vergil does this word occur? \_\_\_\_\_

Who or what is described by this word? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Near the top of the "Word Search" page, select "Ovid" from the menu next to the "Redo" button.
10. Then click "Redo."

How many times does this word appear in Ovid? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of the characters/things described by "saevus" in Ovid?

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11. To do a new search, click on "New Search" in the top left corner.

## Assignment

Do a word search for the following words. I have randomly assigned words to each of you, but feel free to trade. Be prepared to give a brief report to the class on what you discovered about your word.

Student 1 – ecce  
Student 1 – furo  
Student 2 – pietas  
Student 3 – pius  
Student 4 – impius  
Student 5 – infelix  
Student 6 – labor (#2)  
Student 7 – fama  
Student 8 – patria  
Student 9 – fatum (fata)

When you do this word search, answer the following questions:

1. How often does this word appear in the *Aeneid*?
2. Does it appear more often in a particular book or books? Why might this be so?
3. Does it appear frequently in conjunction with another word or phrase (e.g., ecce with autem)?
4. Who or what does it describe or refer to (if an adjective)? Is there an adjective that frequently describes it (if a noun)? Are there specific verbs used with your word?
5. Does this word appear in other works by Vergil? If so, where and in what contexts?
6. Does this word appear in other Augustan authors? If so, which ones and where?
7. What different meanings does it have and in what contexts?

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