

## Latin 4 Final Evaluation of Perpetua's *Passio*

Due:

For the final evaluation of our reading of Perpetua, you will write an argumentative essay. The thesis for this essay should be based on the following question:

### **Did God call Perpetua to be martyred?**

In addition to being a concise, coherent, thesis-driven essay, your argument must do the following:

- 1) Include information regarding Christianity at the time of Perpetua's life to strengthen the argument (a minimum of 2 references to the articles on moodle)
- 2) Make at least 2 references to specific texts from the Bible to strengthen the argument
- 3) Make at least 1 reference to recent persecution or martyrdom (from the Schneider article or from your own research)
- 4) Reference at least 4 specific lines of *Passio* to strengthen the argument
- 5) Use correct spelling, grammar, etc.
- 6) Include in-line citations
- 7) Fill at least 3 pages (double-spaced)

Example Questions to help guide your thinking / argument:

-In light of your stance on the question above, was Perpetua's choice to die for her faith courageous or selfish?

-Is there evidence that God has called some to martyrdom?

-How might we know what being "called" looks like?

-Are Perpetua's visions and her conclusions derived from them biblically sound?

-Did Perpetua's story aid in the success of Christianity?

-Does it make sense that Perpetua and others were excited to be martyred?

-What are the immediate / long-term consequences of her choice?

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