

## Livy – Hannibal crosses the Alps

### Episode 4

Colour-code the following sentence, trying to follow the main structure.

Make sure the subordinate clause that breaks in

– separated by the dashes –

doesn't stop you from understanding the main point.

*ventum est ad multo angustiore[m] rupem*

They came to a much narrower pass

*atque ita rectis saxis*

and one with **such** sheer rocks

**ut**

**that**

*aegre expeditus miles...*

only with difficulty **was** a lightly armed soldier

– *temptabundus*

– feeling his way

*manibusque retinens*                      1) *virgulta ac* 2) *stirpes circa eminentes* –

and hanging on with his hands to 1) bushes and 2) roots sticking out round about –

*demittere sese posset.*

able to let/lower himself down.

Rewrite this information in 4 short English sentences

1

2

3

4

Translate the following sentence:

*ventum est ad multo angustiore[m] rupem*

*atque **ita** rectis saxis*

***ut***

*aegre expeditus miles....*

– *temptabundus*

–

*manibusque retinens*

1) *virgulta ac* 2) *stirpes circa eminentes* –

*demittere sese posset.*

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1 *ventum deinde ad multo angustiore rupem*

where did the column come to? [3]

2a *ita rectis saxis*

what further detail does Livy give of this place? [2]

2b *ut aegre expeditus miles...demittere sese posset.*

what was the result of this feature of the place they had come to? [5]

3 *temptabundus manibusque retinens virgulta ac stirpes circa eminentes*

how does Livy emphasise the difficulty of the descent? (factual detail only) [6]

4a *natura locus iam ante praeceps*

what was the place like?[3]

4b *recenti lapsu terrae...*

what event had worsened the situation?[2]

4c *in pedum mille admodum altitudinem abruptus erat*

ps alliteration: a- ; emphasis of admodum

what effect had it had?[4]

5 *ibi cum velut ad finem viae equites constitissent*

who stopped and why?[4]

6a *miranti Hannibali quae res moraretur agmen...nuntiatur...*

what was Hannibal doing when a message was announced to him? [5]

6b *Hannibali...nuntiatur rupem inviam esse*

what was announced to Hannibal? [3]