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Cicero

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There was a man who is the most reputation in Roman Republic¹. He was the great philosopher, lawyer, statesman, orator and constitutionalist. His name is Cicero. The biography of Cicero is very interesting because he is the great philosopher in many ways, which include his rhetoric. He wrote many books, which are important for our society till nowadays. His famous literatures are Republic and Laws, which wrote in form of the conversation. Cicero is the one who is accepted and could explained natural laws in the best understanding way. However, his words not only have many influences to the people in the way, which persuade them, but also endanger to him. His literatures and notable works give us many ideologies and the fundamental of laws and political. Nonetheless, We can learn the most influential theory by his works but if we want to learn the lessons of life, we should learn from the Cicero's omission.

Marcus Tullius Cicero was born in 106 BC in Roman Republic, Italy. He came from a wealthy family. There is a little story, which told about his parents. Some of books tell that his father was blacksmith and some of them tell that he was the lineage of the great king. His mother was the common spouse who manages the household. When he was young, he was a clever boy and reputation. He was study in the ancient Greek

¹ Wikimedia Foundation. "Roman Republic." *Wikipedia*. 02 Feb. 2013.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_republic>

philosophy, poems, and history. Cicero had talent in poems. Nowadays, there is an oldest book which written by Cicero when he was a child. However, his poems have been forgotten, because there are many poets who learn from Cicero's work to make a better one. Since he graduated, he worked at the royal institute of Roman and he had learned laws from his coworkers. Once a day, the enslave man bought the land from the person who has been executed. Son of that person had complain to Sulla, who ruled Roman Republic in that time, and, as a result, it made the price of that land become rise. Sulla had order to check the man who complained. Cicero saw that it is a great opportunity to make everybody to know him. Therefore, Cicero became to be a lawyer for the man who complained and he had won this case. In the others hand, Sulla was anger, so Cicero had to escape from Roman and came back after the death of Sulla. Eventually, he was well known in Roman states.

Cicero used his talent in the way, which persuade people to believe in him, fight for the justice. Cicero had many friends and enemies. His friends had come from the helping of Cicero in their tough situation that need his talents. The truth is when some people fulfill, some people disappoint. The people who fulfill by Cicero will love and trust in him. Nevertheless, the others people did not only disappoint but also enraged in Cicero. His enemies came from many reasons, but the main reason, which excludes the people who lost in court, is because he usually said in satirical way. He just actively mocks his rivals and enemies for making them laughably and shame. For instance, the son of slave read many letter in the Roman Senate² with high pitch, then Cicero said 'it's not

² Wikimedia Foundation. "Roman Senate." *Wikipedia*. 02 Feb. 2013.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_senate>

surprising, because you are the son of tearful man'. Another example, the son of Sulla who is the dictator in that time had declared to deport and execute the group of people. As a result, it made a lost asset to become debt and had placarded the declaration to sell his asset. Cicero satirically said 'I'm like all of these declaration more than your father's declaration'. Cicero had made himself to be offensiveness for many people because of his inclination.

Many people were jealous and displeased in Cicero, which is not because he was powerful but it was because of his exaggeration in himself. Since, there was never ever have one time that Cicero did not talk about Catiline³ who was the betrayer against Roman Republic and had been executed by the Cicero's command in the Roman Senate. Even though, the literatures of him are fully with the words, which praise him in the way of delightful but too boring for readers. The eagerness in his obligation is like a virus that slowly killing him.

Although he had the significance of knowledge and many talents of rhetoric, he was the timorous man when he faced the danger. Once, Pompey was the great warlord. Cicero had be allegiance to Pompey. After all, when Pompey was out of domination, Cicero reneged from Pompey and was alliance with Caesar. Subsequently, after Caesar had done the oversight, which turn Roman Republic from autocrat to democracy. Cicero had speech to persuade people to elect him to be a custodian of Roman Republic. Lastly, the

³ Wikimedia Foundation. "Catiline." *Wikipedia*. 02 Feb. 2013. <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catiline>>

young Caesar, who is the grandson, was coup with his two soldiers, which are Anthony⁴ and Lepidus.⁵ Hence, Cicero had to withdraw from Roman Republic.

In December 7, 43 BC Cicero had confront to the last moment of his life. The young Caesar and alliances were decide to execute Cicero. The head of this decision was Anthony. Anthony was a Cicero's enemy for the long time because Cicero had attack him by speech, which oppose Anthony. While Cicero was escaping from Roman Republic, the soldiers and executioner had found him in the forest. The executioner had cut his head and his hands. Anthony showed Cicero's head and hands in front of Roman Senate and announce about cancelation of wanted Cicero.

His expertise of oratory not only makes him to be a prestige man of Roman Republic but also end his life. As a result, Cicero usually uses speech in sarcastic way, which makes him be unpleasant man for many people. However, some people, even the ignorant man, who have bravery always get thing done. Thus, Cicero was the timorous man. The problems, which are according to him directly, can make him failed to deal with. The Cicero's biography tell us how to use the talents and knowledge in the best way which does not turn the talents into an impediment of living and be brave to fight for the right thing.

⁴ Wikimedia Foundation. "Mark Antony." *Wikipedia*. 03 Feb. 2013.
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Antony>

⁵ Wikimedia Foundation. "Marcus Aemilius Lepidus (triumvir)." *Wikipedia*. 03 Feb. 2013.
<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aemilius_Lepidus_\(triumvir\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcus_Aemilius_Lepidus_(triumvir))>