

- ① Juvenal describes the belongings of a poor Roman living in the city, using a diminutive form of the adjective. *parvulus (cantharus)* "pathetic little (cup)". He has used this form to imply that the owner is pathetic as well because this is all he can afford.
- ② He also uses alliteration *tabulata tibi iam tertia fumant* "the third floor is already on fire." The 't' is repeated to direct the reader's attention to an important part of the writing and make them stop and think. This is found when Juvenal is describing the dangerous houses and it makes the reader note the urgency of the situation when tenants are trying to escape a fire.
- ③ He uses a metaphor when he says the city is "propped upon a matchstick" to describe how poorly the houses are made and that the supports could give way anytime.
- ④ Juvenal uses figurative language to express the theme of poverty by describing a citizen's pathetic belongings and implying his life is equally impoverished in the city. He also uses alliteration and metaphor to draw attention to the theme of inadequate housing by writing of
- ⑤ fires and shoddy buildings.