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### Understanding the Law and Cicero

**Directions:** Cicero was a famous lawyer and senator of the Roman Republic. Read each quote carefully and then paraphrase (write in your own words) the quote. Once you have read through all the quotes and written your paraphrases, answer the questions at the bottom of the page in your interactive notebook.

Cicero's Quote	Your Paraphrase
1. "The origin of Justice is to be found in Law, for Law is a natural force . . ."	
2. "In fact, there is no human being of any race, who, if he finds a guide, cannot attain virtue."	
3. ". . . Law is not a product of human thought . . . but something which rules the whole universe by its wisdom . . ."	
4. "Even if there were no written law against rape at Rome in the reign of King Tarquinius, we cannot say that Sextus did not break eternal Law by violating Lucretia . . ."	
5. "Therefore law is the distinction between things just and unjust, made in agreement with [Nature]."	
6. "So in the very beginning we must persuade our citizens that the gods are the lords and rulers of all things, and that what is done is done by their will and authority."	

**Answer the following questions in your interactive notebook:**

1. What is the "Law" according to Cicero?
2. Where does the "Law" come from according to Cicero?
3. Why must people obey the "Law"?