

8. Suetonius describes the appearance of the emperor Caligula: he worried that he looked like a goat, so he made it an offence for people to mention them in his presence or to look down on the top of his head. He also used to pull horrible faces in front of a mirror.

(Life of Caligula, 50)

statura fuit **eminenti**, colore expallido, corpore **enormi**, **gracilitate** maxima cervicis et crurum, oculis et temporibus concavis, **fronte** lata et **torva**, capillo raro at circa **verticem** nullo, **hirsutus** cetera. quare transeunte eo prospicere ex superiore parte aut omnino quacumque de causa capram nominare, crimosum et **exitiale** habebatur. vultum vero natura horridum ac **taetrum** etiam ex industria **efferabat** componens ad speculum in omnem terrorem ac formidinem.

quibuscum in fauces

eminens, eminens, eminens

tall

enormis, enormis, enorme

badly-shaped

gracilitas, gracilitatis, f

thinness

frons, frontis, f

forehead

torvus, torva, torvum

grim

vertex, verticis, m

top of the head

hirsutus, hirsuta, hirsutum

hairy

exitialis, exitialis, exitiale

punishable by death

taeter, taetra, taetrum

foul

effero, efferare, efferavi, efferatum

I make wild