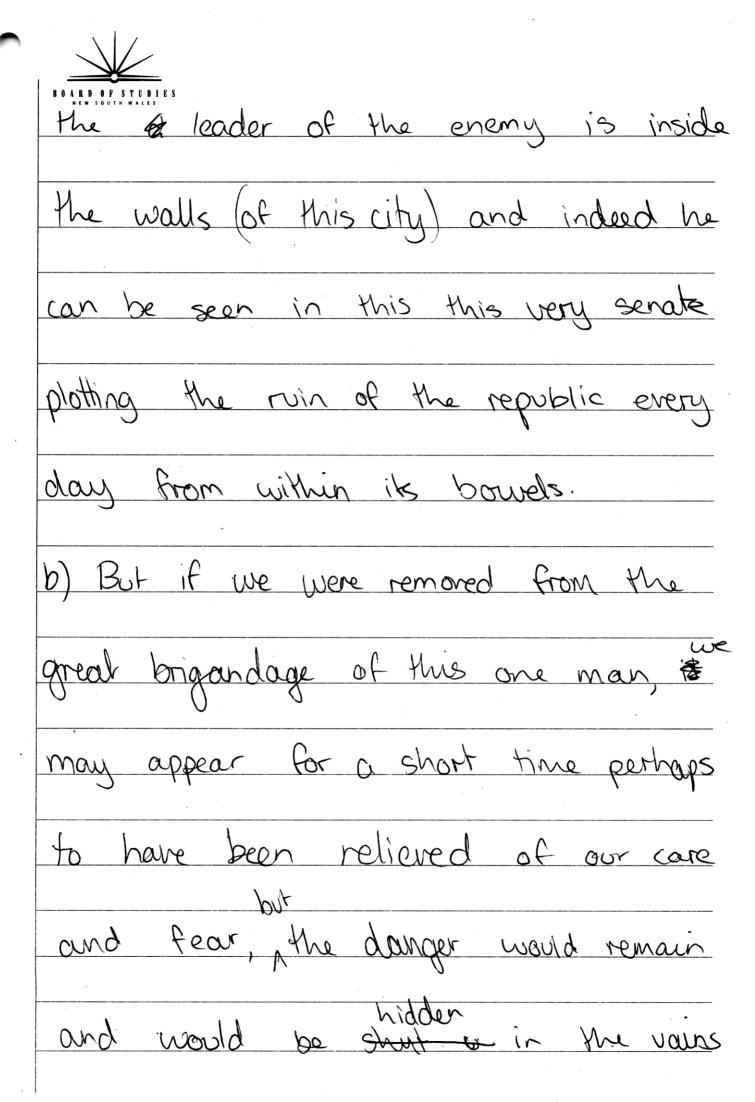


a) I wish, a senators, to be merciful, (but I also) wish not to appear to be deserting the republic in this great danger, but at this time I blame myself for inactivity and negligence. There is a camp, situated its in the pass of Etheria which is against the people of Rome, the numbers of our enemies grows every day, but the chief of that camp and



and vitals of the republic. In the way that a man afflicted with a severe disease, when tossed in feverish heat, if he were to drink cold water, would at first appear to be relieved, then would his afliction would then Worsen severely and seriously worse, so this disease, which is in the republic, would be if relieved by punishment would grow much worse Fif this men were to die.

