Homework (Prepare for the class)

It is easy, then, to make sure that even the man himself, far from regarding himself as a citizen, does not suppose himself to be even a freeman. For when a man has chosen, on being carried off by force, to make his own associates liable to action for assault rather than to be vindicated as a freeman by legal process and to get damages from those who were arresting him, nobody can have difficulty in perceiving that he was so conscious of his being a slave that he was afraid to provide guarantors and to face a trial concerning his civil status.

Now, that he is far from being a citizen, I think you perceive pretty clearly from these statements; and that even the man himself, who is most fully aware of his own position, did not expect you to believe that he was a citizen, will be readily impressed on you by his own conduct. For in his counter-deposition at the proceedings brought against him by the prosecutor, here present, when he contended that his case did not lie before the magistrate, he was declared on evidence not to be a citizen.

Assignment

He called me out of doors, and, as soon as I went outside, made an immediate attempt to strike me. When I beat him off, he stood out of reach and began pelting me with stones. He missed me, but his friend, who had accompanied him to my house, was struck by a stone which broke his forehead. So I, gentlemen, feeling myself grossly ill-used, but ashamed--as I have already told you before--at my
misfortune, put up with it, and preferred to go without satisfaction for the offences rather than be thought lacking in sense by the citizens: for I knew that, while his actions would be found appropriate to his wickedness, I should be derided for the treatment I received by a number of people who are in the habit of resenting my ambition that one may show for a good standing in the city.