

# Caesar DBG Chapters 36-39

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# Chapter 36 - Ariovistus Makes An Arrogant Reply To Caesar's Demands

- According to Ariovistus, the right of war is that they who had conquered should govern those whom they had conquered in what manner they pleased.
- 61 BC - The Aedui has been conquered by Ariovistus.
- 59 BC - Caesar titles Ariovistus a friend of the Roman people, and he wishes Ariovistus to restore the hostages they had taken from the Aedui but Ariovistus refuses to do so.
- Caesar tells Ariovistus that he cannot ignore the harassment that has been done to the Aedui.
- The Aedui are allies of the Roman so it is reasonable for Caesar to help them out.
- Ariovistus replies back to Caesar that no one has ever faced Ariovistus without ruin himself.
- Ariovistus is provoking and challenging Caesar to fight him by stating that he will experience what the Germans, who have not been defeated for 14 years, are able to achieve by valor.

# Chapter 37 - More Germans And A Speedy Departure

- 58 BC - Ambassadors from the Aedui and the Treviri come to Caesar with great alerts.
- The Aedui complains that the Harudes are ravaging their territories and preventing the Aedui to gain peace from Ariovistus, even when they give him hostages.
- The Treviri states that a hundred cantons of the Suebi are encamped on the banks of the Rhine River, and they are attempting to cross it under the command of the brothers, Nasua and Cimmerius.
- Caesar fears that the new band of Suebi will unite with Ariovistus' troops, making Ariovistus' army more powerful, so he marches to Ariovistus with his troops and forces.

# Chapter 38 - Caesar Seizes Vesontio (Besancon)

- 58 BC - Caesar sets out on his journey and after three days on his journey, words come to him that Ariovistus is already on a 3 days journey ahead, marching to Vesontio, in an attempt to seize it.
- Vesontio is the largest town of the Sequani, which it has the most ample supply of everything useful for war.
- Vesontio is also well fortified by nature as well as affording a great facility to conduct a war.
- Vesontio is surrounded by the river Doubs (Dubis), and a mountain extends to the river's bank on either side.
- Vesontio also has a wall built around the mountain, turning it into a citadel, and the citadel connects with the city.
- Caesar marches day and night to Vesontio and stations a garrison after he seizes the town.

# Chapter 39 - Caesar's Troops Panic

- Caesar stays at Vesontio for a few days to get supplies of grain and for provisions.
- Men of Gauls, traders, and even Caesar's soldiers' gossips among them that the Germans are huge, have incredible valor, practice in arms, and many don't dare look into their fierce eyes.
- The gossips cause the whole army to panic and fill them with fear.
- Many others request Caesar to allow them to withdraw. However, many others stay behind to avoid signs of cowardice, and many others express their fears with their comrades in their tents.
- When Caesar gives orders to move the camp and the troops, the troops disobey and refuse to advance due to their fears.



