

Honors Latin IV Syllabus 2024-25

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Course Description: Latin IV is an exploration of authentic Latin texts. Students review the grammar and vocabulary studied in their previous courses and read selections from Horace, Vergil, Catullus, Ovid and others. Students will explore the themes of ancient women and the hero's journey.

Materials: Students will use their laptops and the *Ecce Romani* textbooks, as well as supplementary texts provided by the teacher. Students are asked to be prepared in class with pens, pencils and paper for notes and exercises. Students will be asked to keep a notebook for this class. Online resources and Canvas will be used for the course. *Materials* students should acquire for the class:

Notebook, pens of different colors, pencils, highlighters and their school computer.

Outline: Students will study the following topics during the year.

- **Vocabulary:** All vocabulary will come from the texts studied
- **English derivatives:** English words derived from the vocabulary, mottoes, phrases and abbreviations.
- **Grammar:** After a thorough review of Latin I-III grammar, students study grammar as it relates to the texts read in class.
- **Culture and History:** Students will focus on the hero's journey, history of the Augustan period, and women in the ancient world.

Classroom Expectations:

- **Entering the classroom** - students are expected to arrive at class on time and engage in classroom routines.
- **Rules and Instructions** - students are expected to follow all school rules, participate in all classroom activities, and follow teacher instructions
- **Cell phones and technology use** - cell phones, smart watches and other personal devices are not allowed in the classrooms. Devices will be confiscated as per campus rules. Students will use their laptops for all online activities. Students must follow school and classroom guidelines for computer use.
- **Restroom** - students may use the restroom only with teacher permission. Students may not use the restroom the first 15 or last 15 minutes of the class period.
- **Courtesy** - students are asked to show respect for themselves, their fellow students and all ARJ staff.

Grading Policy

Students will be assessed using the following percentages:

Minor Assessments: 60% (Smaller assessments focused on individual skills aligned to standards)

Major Assessments: 40% (More comprehensive assessments aligned to standards)

The final exam will count 20% of the overall grade for the course.

Relearn/Reassess

If a student fails a major assessment, he or she is given one opportunity to relearn skills related to course standards and to be reassessed. Reassessment must occur within 7 days of receiving the original grade. Please see the RCSS district policy on reassessment for further information.

Flair Honor Society

Students who maintain a 90 or above average for three consecutive quarters in Latin are eligible for nomination to the FLAIR Honor Society. FLAIR members receive a medal in their third year and a red cord at graduation.

Late Work and Absence Policy

All work should be submitted promptly. Late work is subject to a penalty of 5% per day up to 5 days (25%). All quizzes and tests missed owing to absence must be made up in a timely manner during tutorial times.

District policies on absences and late work will be followed.

Message from Instructor

I am excited about starting the new school year! I look forward to exploring authentic Latin texts with students and learning more about the ancient world and its relationship to our own world. Be sure to connect to the Remind link above. A link to quizlet will be provided in class.