



STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Curriculum Overview Advanced Placement Latin

Course Description:

AP Latin comprises two courses, Vergil and Latin literature. The goal of both classes is progress in reading, translating, understanding, analyzing, and interpreting the original Latin texts listed in the AP Syllabi for Vergil and Latin Literature. The courses are designed to prepare students to take the Advanced Placement Examination that could allow them to receive college credit.

Essential Skills and Processes: Students will –

- write analyses and critical interpretations of Latin texts with appropriate references to stylistic and metrical technique used by the author as well as explanations of historical, cultural and political contexts of the literature;
 - read sight passages in Latin;
 - demonstrate a knowledge of vocabulary, inflectional systems, syntax and relate their knowledge of Latin words to English derivatives and cognates.
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Essential Knowledge: Students will –

- complete the entire required reading list as delineated by the College Board AP course requirements;
 - interpret and explain content of texts read;
 - identify features of style, such as figures of speech, word choice and placement, and meter, on the author's work;
 - identify and analyze the social, political, and historical implications of the works read;
 - identify elements of Latin rhythm, meter, and rhetorical devices;
 - analyze perspectives and practices of Greco-Roman culture in literature, including evidence of philosophy, religion, mythology, and personal conduct.
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Resources:

American Classical League: <http://www.aclclassics.org/index.html>

Advanced Placement site with downloadable course description:

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_latinverg.html?latinverg

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_latinlit.html?latinlit

Classical Association of Virginia

<http://www.cavclassics.org/organization.htm>