

Department: World Languages
Course Name: Advanced Placement Latin

Course Description:

In Advanced Placement Latin, the students study in detail selections from Caesar's De Bello Gallico and Virgil's Aeneid. Equivalent to the second semester of third-year college Latin, the AP class requires students to translate and discuss, in essay form, the portions of Caesar and Virgil, which are specified by the College Board in the published AP curriculum. Students are also responsible for reading and understanding additional passages from Caesar and Virgil in English translation. It is assumed that students have already been introduced to Caesar and Virgil in Latin III and Honors Latin IV classes. There will also be periodic sight translations of selections from Latin prose and poetry. The AP exam in May is required of all enrolled students. Prerequisite: Honors Latin IV with a grade of 83 and/or permission of the instructor

Content:

Grammar and figures of speech commonly found in Latin prose and poetry

Scansion – dactylic hexameter

Review of grammatical concepts learned in previous years of Latin

Roman history and geography, career of Julius Caesar, legends, and myths relevant to the Aeneid

Literary Genres: Commentarii and Epic Poetry

Epic tradition- Homer, Virgil

Vocabulary from readings

Latin selections from books 1,4, and 6 of Bello Gallico as required by AP curriculum

Latin selections from Aeneid 1, 2, 4 and 6 as required by AP curriculum

Sight Translations with multiple choice questions from other authors

English reading of Books 1, 6 and 7 of Bello Gallico

English reading of Books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Aeneid

Skills:

Analyze Caesar's prose style and translate Bello Gallico with relative ease

Analyze Vergil's style and translate the Aeneid with relative ease

Identify and scan dactylic hexameter

Appreciate and discuss in essay form Caesar's skill as an author, general, and political leader as well as his importance in European history

Understand and discuss Virgil's debt to Homer and earlier Latin epic poets as well as his importance in the Western literary tradition

Text and Materials:

Long, F.P. The Conquest of Gaul. Barnes & Nobel, Inc., 2005.

Mandelbaum, Allen, tr. The Aeneid of Virgil. University of California, 2007.

Perry, David. A Call to Conquest, Readings from Caesar's Gallic Wars. Pearson, 2013.

Pharr. Virgil's Aeneid. Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, 2012.

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture

Discussion

Translation, group and individual

A variety of educational websites and videos

Learning Packets
Electronic flashcards
Review games

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Vocab Quizzes
Short Answer Questions
Translations
Multiple Choice Assessments
Essays

