

Department: World Languages

Course Name: Advanced Placement Latin

Course Description:

This course is available to students who have successfully completed Honors Latin IV with a minimum grade of B+ and/or the recommendation of the teacher. In Advanced Placement Latin, students study in detail selections from Caesar's *Bellum Gallicum* and Vergil's *Aeneid*. Equivalent to the second semester of third-year college Latin, the AP class requires students to translate and discuss, in short answer and essay form, the portions of Caesar and Vergil, which are specified by the College Board in the published AP curriculum. Students are also responsible for closely reading and understanding additional passages from Caesar and Vergil in English translation as well as a basic understanding of the books as a whole. It is assumed that students have been introduced to Caesar and Vergil in Latin III and Honors Latin IV classes. There will also be periodic sight translations of selections from Latin prose and poetry.

NO SUMMER WORK

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

