

West Ridge Middle School Course Overview

Latin 7 (Ia) 7th grade
Course Title

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Course Description:

A two semester **academic elective** course covering Stages 1-12 of CAMBRIDGE LATIN COURSE: 1) helping each student inductively develop proficiency in reading Latin; 2) presenting the language within the context of the Roman world and culture; 3) developing thinking skills, communication skills, and widely applicable language acquisition skills that will be useful in the study of other languages. Satisfactory completion of Latin 7 & 8 corresponds to the first year of Latin at the high school. *A student must successfully complete (70 or above) **each** of the four consecutive semesters of Latin to receive high school credit. No partial credit is awarded. The grades of two semesters are not averaged to determine course credit. After receiving Latin I credit, a student would take Latin II in 9th grade.

Materials Suggested:

1" 3-ring binder or folder
study habits/ipad

pen and paper
4 red pens

Textbook: CAMBRIDGE LATIN COURSE Unit I
Textbook Replacement Cost: \$40

Class Rules:

1. Be prepared (*Homework!*) & on time.
2. Listen carefully & follow directions.
3. Participate joyfully.
4. Raise hand, talk in turn.
5. Respect people and property.

Department tutoring days/times:

By appointment (before school) & during Lunch.

Homework policy:

Usually about **15 minutes of review/completion** of the day's classwork. Most first-time readings will be done in class until I judge the students ready for independent work. *These translations are the lifeblood of this course and must be completed on time for the student to benefit from the discussion/correction!* Vocabulary and form memorization is a continuing task to be worked on assiduously both in class and at home and will be tested weekly (usually Fridays).

Grading policy:

50% daily work grade (25% pop quizzes, 25% oral participation/homework)
50% average of quest and exam grades

9 -Weeks topics:

1st Grading Period (Stages 1 - 3)

Alphabet, pronunciation, translation skills, basic sentence patterns, nominative/accusative inflections, Roman household. Noun declensions I-III, present tense verbs, daily life in Pompeii.

2nd Grading Period (Stages 4 - 6)

Verb tenses--3rd plural present, 3rd person imperfect & perfect, perfect tense endings singular; parts of speech, Pompeii & its Forum. Roman religious beliefs.

3rd Grading Period (Stages 7 - 9)

Perfect tense endings plural, accusative plurals, superlatives, Roman theater, gladiatorial shows, the Roman baths & slaves/freedmen. Dative noun forms, present tense conjugations 1-4, comparatives,

4th Grading Period (Stages 10 -12)

Direct questions, verbs with dative, imperfect and perfect tenses completed, paradigms, Roman education, elections & the eruption of Vesuvius.

Other Information:

Latin vocabulary and the skill of derivative recognition will be developed yearlong. Cultural information about the Romans is interwoven throughout the readings and will be discussed as appropriate.