LATIN I Syllabus - 2021-2022

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Latin I is designed to give students a basic understanding of the Latin language and its grammar. Correct pronunciation will be examined in order to read Latin passages. Students will be able to use the language through this study to gain knowledge of Roman culture and history.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the completion of this course Latin students will be able to read and understand much of the language. They will be able to connect Latin vocabulary words to the foundation and development of words in English as well as the Romance languages. Latin grammar will be introduced in each chapter. Students will become knowledgeable in Roman culture through the study of the Roman Empire, its geography, literature, and government. Mythology will be introduced at appropriate times during the course of this class.

CLASS MATERIALS

Textbook – Ecce Romani I

CD – Audio (for correct pronunciation of Latin terms and passages)

ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, AND TESTS

Chapter Discussions, Directives, and Reviews will be assigned for each chapter. These are to be completed and emailed by due dates to be determined by the Magistra. The assignments will be posted in Canvas. Late assignments will not be accepted without an appropriate reason.

Quizzes will be given at the discretion of the Magistra.

Tests will be given for each chapter. Some tests may cover more than one chapter.

GRADING DESIGN

Homework Assignments (Chapter Discussions, Directives, and Reviews) and quizzes together for each chapter will count 40% of the total grade.

Test will make up 60% of the total grade.

Special projects will be counted the same as a test grade.

There will be no extra credit assignments.

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 79-70

D = 69-60

F = below 60

CLASS PRESENTATION MODEL

This class will meet asynchronously and online. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with daily announcements in CANVAS and emails. All announcements and assignments will be made through this software. Your Magistra expects you to login in to Canvas and check your email daily. If there is a discussion board posted in Canvas it is expected that you participate and make constructive comments. If you have questions concerning the assignments my email is ksmith@hgs.k12.va.us

Words from Magistra Smith

I welcome you to Latin I Class. You will be amazed at what you will be learning and the connections you will make with other languages. Also you will find that you already know many Latin terms because of the science and government classes you have had. It is a good plan to spend some quality time studying Latin most every day. You will appreciate this at test time.

The ancient Romans are very interesting to learn about. They did much to shape modern civilization with the development and organization of modern medicine as well as government. I hope you will embrace the opportunity to study Latin and become as excited about learning it as I am to teach it.

I am willing to help you with questions you have with your Latin studies. I can be reached through CANVAS and my email. You can also call my voicemail at 276-619-4351. We will discuss this in class.

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