

*Are you thinking.....**LATIN**? No time for Latin in Middle School?*

Too much pressure to teach core skills?

Can't afford anything that doesn't raise testing scores?

You may want to consider the facts and think again!

Adding Latin to your curriculum doesn't take away time from teaching required skills --

It can be a very effective and engaging way to teach them!

Latin presents material REQUIRED in Language Arts and Social Studies Standards in 6th-8th.

Latin presents material REQUIRED in the new COMMON CORE, STATE STANDARDS for 3rd-8th.

Learning Latin.....

- ❖ strengthens basic English skills in vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- ❖ focuses on grammar which leads to improved English writing and communication.
- ❖ increases cultural awareness and helps students make cultural connections.
- ❖ encourages critical thinking and comparative analysis.
- ❖ introduces students to a rich source of mythology, literature and history.

AND the value of Latin is IMMEDIATE. Studies completed in the past showed young students making big gains after even short-term exposure to Latin.

- ❖ Low proficiency English students ended their first year of study with standardized test scores 5 months ahead of others with no foreign language instruction and 4 months ahead of those taught French and Spanish (District of Columbia). Students taught Latin 15 minutes a day for one year scored **ONE FULL YEAR HIGHER** on the Iowa Vocabulary subtest than the control group(Philadelphia). Sixth graders in Indianapolis, who studied Latin for 30 minutes a day, after the first 5 months had made gains over control groups of 1 full year in both reading and language, 9 months in math problem solving, 4-7 months in spelling, science and social studies.
- ❖ Most English grammar terms are borrowed from Latin, too. In fact, many hundreds of Latin words are still commonly used today with virtually no change in spelling or meaning! Studying Latin vocabulary brings students in contact with word roots, prefixes and suffixes which constitute 60% of all English words and 90% of those over two syllables long. Students learn the key to the vocabulary of scientists, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, biologists, botanists, lawyers, etc.
- ❖ Preliminary studies in state high schools around London also show positive statistical results after 1 year of Latin instruction, against control groups.
- ❖ Latin offers a national exams & contests (e.g., 155,000 students in 20 countries compete in nle.org).
- ❖ Latin offers students Junior Classical League national, regional and state-wide student events and competitions.
- ❖ Most states offer a graduation Seal of Biliteracy in Latin, as well as other languages.
- ❖ Looking ahead? Colleges routinely accept Latin to satisfy world language admission requirements.
- ❖ College-bound? Compared to other fourth year students in a wide variety of subject areas, as well as those studying other languages, there was a consistently high high correlation of Latin study and top median scores on SAT exams. (College board course-taking statistics were available up through 2017 at collegeboard.org; Total Reports)

Studying in a homeschool?

*Latin is popular, and courses use
Cambridge Latin, K-12 Middlebury
Christiana Latina, Lingua Latina, etc.*

LATIN: MORE THAN A LANGUAGE!

Latin can be taught with methods that make it accessible and beneficial to students of all levels. The Roman Empire was expansive in both territory and influence, today connecting with the language and cultural heritage of nearly a billion people in over 60 countries on 4 continents!

The multi-ethnic, multi-racial nature of its society allows students to relate many aspects of Roman society to their modern experiences, analyzing similarities and differences, and issues of social justice. Some students may see themselves in a larger community based on common traditions or in a context of histories shared with other world nations.

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