

AP® Latin, Form III

Latin Literature

Course Description

Latin III follows the AP® syllabus published by CollegeBoard® in its Course Description. The course covers Latin prose (Cicero's *de amicitia* and *pro Archia*) and Latin poetry (Catullus). As such, a thorough discussion of the orations, poetry, stylistic devices and literary criticism occurs throughout the year. Cultural, mythological, and historical references to Roman society, its people, and the events of the waning Republic are also examined.

Course Goals

- Students will examine the *de amicitia*, the *pro Archia*, and various poems of Catullus as works of literature and be able to discuss them as such on the AP examination
- Students will be able to pronounce and read Latin on sight with fluency
- Students will identify and appreciate the literary and stylistic devices used
- Students will understand the political, social, and cultural background of the late Roman Republic
- Students will cultivate an awareness of classical influences on later literature

Course Objectives

- Students will progress in reading, understanding, and interpreting original Latin
- Students will be able to translate accurately and to demonstrate a grasp of the grammatical structures and vocabulary used
- Students will be able to scan the elegiac couplet and hendecasyllables
- Students will be able to discuss particular motifs and themes of specific passages and relate these to the poem as a whole
- Students will understand that all translation is interpretation