

## **AP® Latin, Form IV**

### **Vergil**

#### **Course Description**

Latin IV follows the AP® syllabus published by CollegeBoard® in its Course Description. The course focuses on Vergil's Aeneid as a study of Latin poetry. As such, a thorough discussion of the epic, the hero, stylistic devices and literary criticism occurs throughout the year. Cultural, mythological, and historical references to Rome, Augustus, and the Trojan War are also examined.

#### **Course Goals**

- Students will examine the Aeneid as a work of literature and be able to discuss it 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 Aeneid
- Students will cultivate an awareness of classical influences on later literature
- Students will realize the effect on Vergil of earlier authors, especially Catullus and Homer

#### **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 dactylic hexameter
- Students will be able to discuss particular motifs and themes of specific passages and relate these to the poem as a whole
- Students will be able to analyze characters and their motivations