

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 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**. Past studies have shown that younger students made big gains after even short-term exposure to Latin:

- ❖ Remedial 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.
- ❖ Latin offers a National Latin Exam contest (155,000 students in 20 countries compete; nle.org).
- ❖ Latin offers students Junior Classical League regional and state-wide events and competitions; cajcl.org.
- ❖ Looking ahead? Colleges routinely accept Latin to satisfy world language admission requirements.

Popular homeschool courses use
Cambridge Latin, K-12 Middlebury
Christiana Latina, Lingua Latina, etc.

CHECK OUT THE BOOST LATIN GIVES SAT SCORES!

2016 Data for College-Bound Seniors who took both SAT and Subject tests.
Data taken from the 2016 College Board Total Group Report

	Critical Reading		Writing	
Literature	628		622	
US History	636		633	
World History	649		645	
Math Level 2	629		638	
Biology	617		627	
Chemistry	632		640	
Physics	613		624	
Chinese	599		619	
French	643		650	
German	645		651	
Modern Hebrew	629		644	
Italian	617		627	
Japanese	590		606	
Korean	583		622	
Latin	+36pts	685	+31 pts	682
Spanish		588		595

LATIN IS #1
LATIN GIVES YOU
THE ADVANTAGE!

LATIN: MORE THAN A LANGUAGE!
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! It was a multi-ethnic, multi-racial society, allowing our students to relate many aspects of Roman society to their modern world. Children of many ethnic backgrounds see their larger community based on a classical tradition shared by North and South Americans, Eastern and Western Europeans, and several third world nations.

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