

Course Outline
2026-2027
Latin Readings:
Fabulae Romanae
Intermediate Level

Welcome! *Latin Readings: Fabulae Romanae* is a reading and translating course designed for intermediate students of Latin who already have the basics of grammar and are looking to move on to reading and translation. We will learn the history of Rome as we read through slightly adapted Roman authors such as the historian Livy. Grammar and vocabulary assistance is readily accessible in the textbook on the opposing page of each translation. Translation work is done both independently and in the online class meeting via Zoom. Certain more advanced matters of grammar (e.g. semi-deponent clauses, relative clauses, the sequence of tenses, and more) are covered in dedicated videos which students can watch on their own, pause, rewind, and rewatch as needed. Vocabulary is also emphasized and quizzed throughout the course.

Days and Times for Class Meeting on Zoom vary. Independent coursework, including translation, vocabulary study, grammar review and exercises, is to be accomplished during each week. Students should set aside dedicated time throughout the week to accomplish this. Grade Level: High School (advanced Middle School students are welcome.)

Readings Schedule

The Kings of Rome

- Week 1: Introduction; Aeneas arrives in Italy
- Week 2: The Founding of Alba Longa
- Week 3: Romulus & Remus
- Week 4: The Founding of Rome
- Week 5: The Sabine Women
- Week 6: Numa Pompilius
- Week 7: Tullus Hostilius
- Week 8: Ancus Marcius
- Week 9: Tarquinius Priscus
- Week 10: Servius Tullius
- Week 11: Tarquinius Superbus
- THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Week 12: Sextus Tarquinius & Lucretia
- Week 13: The Banishment of Sextus Tarquinius
- Week 14: Christmas Readings
- CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Early Republic

Week 15: Horatius Cocles

Week 16: Cloelia; The Secession of the Plebs; Menenius Agrippa

Week 17: Coriolanus; Cincinnatus

Week 18: The Gallic Invasion

Week 19: Gaius Fabricius

Rome as World Power

Week 20: Marcus Atilius Regulus

Week 21: Hannibal

Week 22: Quintus Fabius Maximus; P. Cornelius Scipio Africanus

Week 23: P. Cornelius Scipio Africanus

Week 24: Tiberius & Gaius Gracchus

The Last Years of the Republic

Week 25: Gaius Marius

EASTER BREAK

Week 26: Lucius Cornelius Sulla

Week 27: Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus

Week 28: Gaius Julius Caesar

Week 29: Gaius Julius Caesar

Week 30: Gaius Julius Caesar

Week 31: Marcus Tullius Cicero

Week 32: Marcus Tullius Cicero

Textbook

[Lawall, Gilbert, and David Perry. *Fabulae Romanae : Stories of Famous Romans*. Longman, 1993.](#)

Grading

Translation Work: 40%

Vocabulary Quizzes: 25%

Exercises: 25%

Presentations: 10%

Class Policies

- This class is marked by its independent work. Translations will be worked on together in class but outside of class they will need to be completed by the student. Absolutely no use of AI or any other technological means to complete the work is allowed. While such advanced technologies can be a blessing, their use in this particular area is a hindrance to the student's learning. All translation work (especially where students are stumped) will be covered thoroughly in class.
- Once per week we will meet together online as a class for one hour to review and further translation work as well as discuss any confusing grammar. The following expectations are required during this group coursework:
 - A working microphone and camera as well as stable internet connection are required to participate in this class.
 - All work is to be completed in advance of class, not during class. Late work will not be accepted and will receive 0%.
 - Class time will be kept orderly with no distractions and disrespect.
 - The camera must be turned on for the duration of the class so that we can all see each other. The student will not be allowed to participate without a camera. This ensures active participation among students. It will be of no benefit to the whole class if students with cameras off are away from their computer or distracted by other media, games or otherwise during our class time.
- Absences must be accompanied by a doctor's note, preferably with parental/guardian advanced notice. Classes are purposefully kept small. It is a disservice to the entire class if even one student misses out.
- The group class time will not be recorded unless previously requested by a parent or guardian due to a student's
- Parents and guardians are always allowed to listen in to the class and monitor their child's progress. Parents and guardians must not interrupt classwork.
- Grades given in this class are advisory. They are determined by the policies outlined in this course syllabus, but parents and guardians, as the primary educators of the student, have the final grading authority.

By enrolling in the course, you agree to all class policies as laid out above.