

2017 Classical Literacy Exam: Introductory Level List

A.D./anno Domini	epic	P.S./post scriptum
A.M./ante meridiem	Eros/Cupid	Pandora
Achilles' heel	Et tu, Brute?	Pantheon
ad infinitum	etc./et cetera	papyrus
ad nauseam	ex libris	Paris
Aegean Sea	fates	Parthenon
agenda	finis	paterfamilias
agora/forum	fresco/mosaic	Pax Romana
ambrosia and nectar	furies	Pegasus
Aphrodite/Venus	gladiator	Penelope
Apollo/Apollo	Golden Fleece	Persephone/Proserpina
apple of discord	Gorgons	Perseus and Medusa
aqueduct	Hades/Pluto	Pompeii
Arachne	Hannibal	Poseidon/Neptune
Ares/Mars	Hector	post mortem
Ariadne	Helen	Prometheus
Artemis/Diana	Hephaestus/Vulcan	quid pro quo
Athena/Minerva	Hera/Juno	Romulus and Remus
Athens/Acropolis	Heracles/Hercules	semper fidelis
Atlas	Hermes/Mercury	semper paratus
atrium	Hestia/Vesta	Spartacus
Augustus	Homer	Styx
Caesar	I, V, X, L, C, D, M	sub poena
carpe diem	i.e./id est	summa cum laude
Carthage	Icarus and Daedalus	Tantalus
cave canem	Ides of March	Tartarus
Cerberus	<i>Iliad</i>	tempus fugit
Chaos	Jason	terra firma
Charon	Jove, jovial	terra incognita
Circus Maximus	labyrinth	Theseus
Colosseum	M.D./Medicinae Doctor	Tiber
consul	marathon	Titans
cornucopia	mea culpa	toga
Cronus/Saturn	Minotaur	Trojan Horse
Cyclops	Mt. Olympus	Troy
Delphic Oracle	Mt. Vesuvius	Uranus
Demeter/Ceres	muses	valedictorian
Dionysus/Bacchus	Nike	veni, vidi, vici
e pluribus unum	Odysseus/Ulysses	veto
e.g./exempli gratia	<i>Odyssey</i>	vs./versus
ego	Orpheus and Eurydice	via
Elysian Fields/Elysium	P.M./post meridiem	Zeus/Jupiter

2017 Classical Literacy Exam: Level I List

Adriatic Sea	Harpy	per diem
aegis	Hecate	Ph.D./Philosophiae Doctor
Aeneas/ <i>Aeneid</i>	Helvetia	p.o./per os
Aesop	Hispania	persona non grata
alias	homo sapiens	plebeian
alibi	Horatius	plebiscite
alma mater	horticulture	Peloponnesus
alpha and omega	Hydra	polytheism
Alps	Indo-European	Pompey
alter ego	Iris	pontifex maximus
alumna/alumnae	ichor	posthumous
alumnus/alumni	in loco parentis	Priam
amor omnia vincit	in memoriam	pro tempore
amphora	in toto	psyche
antebellum	iota	puerile
amphitheater	Ithaca	pulchritude
Apennines	labor omnia vincit	Punic Wars
April 21, 753 BC	lapsus linguae	rara avis
Archimedes	laurels	Romance languages
Atlantis	Laws of the 12 Tables	rostrum/rostra
bacchanalia	magnanimous	Rubicon
bellicose	magnum opus	Saturnalia
bona fide	Medea	satyr
Capitoline Hill	mellifluous	sedentary
Campus Martius	mentor	sic semper tyrannis
centaur	metamorphosis	sic transit gloria mundi
Chimera	Metis	Sicily
Crete	Midas	Silver Age
Danaids	mores	sine qua non
Daphne	Mt. Parnassus	Sisyphus
Echo	Mycenae	Sparta
errare humanum est	Narcissus	Sphinx
et al./et alii	N.B./Nota Bene	SPQR
Etruscans	Niobe	status quo
Etymology	nominal	stilus
Europa	Oceanus	sub rosa
ex officio	omniscient	Tarquinius Superbus
Excelsior!	Orion	tribune
fascis	Ostia	verbatim
fortuitous	Palatine Hill	Vergil
Gallia	Pan	Vestal Virgins
Ge/Gaea	patrician	Via Appia
gregarious	pax vobiscum	Via Sacra
Golden Age	per annum	vice versa
Graces	per capita	zephyr

2017 Classical Literacy Exam: Level II List

Actaeon	errata	non sequitur
ad astra per aspera	ex post facto	nos morituri te salutamus
ad lib./ad libitum	ex tempore	Numa Pompilius
Adonis	exit/exeunt	odium
Aeolus	facta non verba	onus probandi
affidavit	festina lente	otiose
Agamemnon	fiat	Pan and Syrinx
Alba Longa	First Triumvirate	Pater Noster
Amphitrite	Friends, Romans, Countrymen . . .	Patroclus
Andromache	Flavian Dynasty	Peloponnesian War
Andromeda	Gracchi brothers	per se
ars gratia artis	habeas corpus	Phaethon
ars longa, vita brevis	Hecuba	Phidippides
Attica	Helle	Philemon and Baucis
Augean Stables	Herculaneum	Phrixus
augury	Herodotus	pietas
Ave, Maria	Hippocratic Oath	placebo
basilica	Horatii	polis
beware of Greeks bearing gifts	ibid./ibidem	Polyphemus
Briseis	in absentia	post hoc ergo propter hoc
caduceus	in hoc signo vinces	prima facie
Calliope	in medias res	pro bono publico
Calypso	in situ	Pyramis and Thisbe
cardinal	in vitro	Pyrrhic victory
Cassandra	interregnum	Pythia/Sybil
Castor and Pollux	Io	Q.E.D./quod erat demonstrandum
causa belli	Iphigeneia	quorum
caveat emptor	ipsa scientia potestas est	referendum
ensor	ipso facto	Rhea Silvia
cf./confer	iustitia omnibus	rhetoric
chimerical	Janus	Riddle of the Sphinx
Cincinnatus	Julio-Claudian Dynasty	sarcophagus
ca./circa	Leda	saturnine
Circe	Lethe	Scipio Africanus
Cleopatra	Lotos-eaters	Scylla and Charybdis
cogito ergo sum	Macedonia	Second Triumvirate
concatenation	maenad	sine die
Constantine	Marius	sinecure
corpus delicti	Mark Antony	stentorian
corrigenda	Menelaus	sui generis
cosmos	mens sana in corpore sano	Sulla
cum grano salis	mercurial	suum cuique
Cupid and Psyche	mnemonic	summum bonum
curriculum vitae	Mnemosyne	Telemachus
de facto	ne plus ultra	Tiberius
de jure	necropolis	Tarpeian Rock
defenestration	Nemesis	thermae
Demosthenes	nepotism	triumph
Deucalion and Pyrrha	Nero	utopia
dum spiro, spero	nolo contendere	vademecum
Ecce homo	non compos mentis	veritas

2017 Classical Literacy Exam: Level III List

a priori/a posteriori	exordium	Palladium
Achates	felicity	panem et circenses
ad valorem	fl./floruit	Parmenides
Aeschylus	flagrante delicto	penultimate
Ajax	four causes (Aristotle)	Pericles
Alcibiades	four elements	peroration
Anchises	Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres	philippic
annuit coeptis	gates of horn and ivory	Philomela and Procne
Antigone	gnothi seauton	Pindar
<i>Apology</i> (Plato's)	Hadrian	Plutarch
Arch of Titus	halcyon	Plato
arete	hapax legomenon	Platonic ideas
Aristophanes	hamartia	Platonic love
Aristotle	Heraclitus	Plautus
arma togae cedant	Hesiod	Pliny the Younger
arma virumque cano	Horace	polemic
Atilia	Ionic	preterition
a.u.c./ab urbe condita	ipse dixit	primus inter pares
B.A./Baccalaureus Artium	Jocasta and Laius	Pythagoras
b.i.d./t.i.d. (bis/ter in die)	Julian-Claudian Dynasty	q.v./quod vide
Cadmus	Koine Greek	Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?
Carthago delenda est	Lars Porsenna	Quintilian
Cato the Elder	lacuna	Quo vadis?
Catullus	Laocoon	reductio ad absurdum
ceteris paribus	Lesbia	res gestae
Cicero	libation	Sallust
citius, altius, fortius	liberal arts	Sappho
Claudius	litotes	sc./scilicet
Cleobis and Biton	Livia	Socratic wisdom
Code of Justinian	Livy	Solon
codex	logos	sophist/sophistry
Corinthian	Lucretia	Sophocles
Croesus	Lucretius	stet
Curia	Lyceum	stoicism
de gustibus non disputandum est	Lycurgus	Suetonius
<i>De Rerum Natura</i>	M.A./Magister Artium	Tacitus
Delian League	M.O./modus operandi	Terence
Democritus	Maecenas	Thales
Deo volente	Marcus Aurelius	The Academy
Dido	Martial	the divided line
dies irae	memento mori	the golden mean
Doric	messianic eclogue	Thebes
Draco	metonymy	Themistocles
dulce et decorum est pro patria mori	mimesis	Thetis and Peleus
elegiac	mirabile dictu	Tiresias
Eleusinian mysteries	modus vivendi	Turnus
encomium	multum in parvo	Ultima Thule
Epicureanism	mutatis mutandis	Vae victis!
Eris	Nisus and Euryalus	verbum sat./verbum sat sapienti
esse quam videri	novus ordo seclorum	Vercingetorix
Edict of Milan	O tempora, O mores	viz./videlicet
Euclid	obiter dictum	Vulgate
Euripides	ostracism	Xerxes
ex cathedra	Ovid	Zeno's paradoxes