

Middle School Latin Reading Club

Summer 2022

COURSE DESCRIPTION

These reading clubs seek to introduce students to reading neo-Latin texts. Through the use of simple Latin novellas, students will gradually learn to read fluently for comprehension without first translating into English. These novellas are written by experienced Latin teachers specifically for this purpose and use a limited vocabulary to facilitate reading without a glossary.

Please email the instructor with any placement questions.



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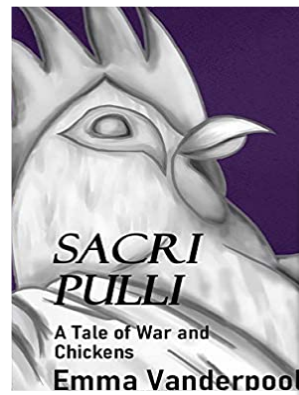
MS Novice

Tuesdays and
Thursdays,
12:15-1:15 PM EST

Begin Tuesday,
June 14th, end
Thursday, July 21st

Novice Spoken Latin Reading Club: Sacri Pulli & Agrippina Auriga

This course is suitable for beginner Latin students who have completed at least one year of introductory Latin grammar and are rising to 6th-8th grade in the fall. Previous experience with spoken Latin is not required. Our first class meetings will focus on acquiring basic conversational and reading skills, after which we will gradually increase the amount of time spent in Latin in each class period.



Student Expectations



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The following is taken from the Scholé Academy Student-Parent Handbook:

Attitude & Behavior

When students enter the classroom, they are committing to a joint pursuit of truth with their fellow pupils. In order to uphold an atmosphere where this is possible, all parties must maintain a posture of respect toward the material, toward one another, and toward the instructor.

Students should strive to uphold these virtues in the classroom:

- humility
- patience
- constancy
- temperance/studiousness

Note: Since this course is a language class, frequent participation is central to the learning process. Students will make many mistakes and feel uncertain about speaking in Latin, but should not allow this to keep them from speaking up. Research shows that students will self-correct most of these mistakes over time, given enough speaking and listening practice.

REQUIRED TEXTS FOR NOVICE (MIDDLE SCHOOL) LATIN NOVELLA CLUBS

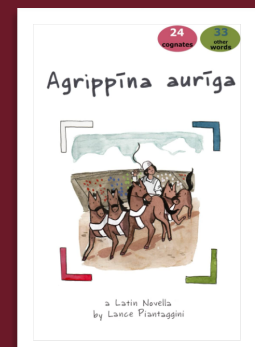


Sacri Pulli - Emma Vanderpool
ISBN-13 : 978-1686669415

Based on a true story, this novella follows a very hungry sacred chicken and his augur during the consulship of P. Claudius Pulcher, near the end of the 1st Punic War.

Agrippina Auriga - Lance Piantaggini
ISBN-13 : 978-1719066433

Learn all about the *ludi circenses* (circus games) and the Roman racing factions in this story about Agrippina, a girl from a land famed for its horses: Lusitania.



Homework and Grading

Homework: Homework assignments will mainly be to read aloud assigned pages each week— both re-reading sections read together in a previous class, and reading ahead to what will be covered in the next class. Language researchers promote repeated readings as one of the best ways to acquire a language. Students will also be asked to answer comprehension questions via online quizzes.

Grading: No grades will be assigned for summer courses. Summer courses are not designed to be used for credit.

Note: Attendance is flexible for summer courses; while attending every class is optimal, students may attend as they are able. Video recordings will be provided for missed classes.

THE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

We will be using the free online “virtual classroom” software provided by Zoom, one of the leading companies that provides such software. The virtual classroom will provide students with interactive audio, text chat and an interactive whiteboard in which texts, diagrams, video and other media can be displayed and analyzed. Before the start of the term, we will provide students with a link (via email) that will enable students to join the Zoom classroom.

Specific information regarding the technology used by Scholé Academy (including required technology) can be found by visiting the Technology in the Classroom section of the Student Parent Handbook (<http://scholeacademy.com/student-parent-handbook/>).

Students will access assignments and supplementary materials on our learning platform, Schoology. Access codes will be provided before the first week of classes.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Reagan Israel is originally from Texas and had a brief career as a professional ballet dancer before an injury set her on a new path.

As a homeschooler, Reagan had studied Latin from age 11 into high school. After completing a liberal arts degree at the University of Houston, she taught Latin and ancient humanities at a classical school for 4 years. During her time there, Reagan was introduced to “living Latin” pedagogy through a series of workshops and mentors and began to apply these methods in her classroom. In 2019-2020, she spent a year studying ancient Greek and Hebrew via the “active method” in a graduate philology program at the Polis Institute of Jerusalem.

Reagan currently lives in the mountains of western North Carolina with her husband and baby daughter.