

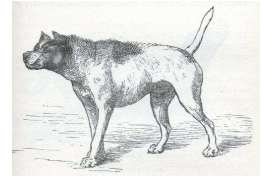
## 2011 Classical Literacy Introductory Exam

1. On the plain of what city in Asia Minor did Achilles kill Hector?
2. What Latin phrase means “Beware of the dog”?
3. Who was the Greek goddess of victory?
4. What is the name of Athena’s temple, at right, on the Acropolis in Athens?
5. What phrase refers to the extended era of peace established under Roman rule?
6. What is the collective name for the goddesses who inspire the arts?
7. What one-eyed giants were assistants to Hephaestus?
8. What Latin word literally means “things to be done”?
9. What is the Roman equivalent of the Greek agora?
10. What honorary name did the Roman senate bestow on Octavian, the adopted son of Caesar?
11. What is the value of the Roman numeral MC?
12. What Trojan prince abducted Helen, the wife of Menelaus of Sparta?
13. What daughter of Demeter was the bride of Hades?
14. In Greek mythology what was original state of things, even before Gaia?
15. Scipio Africanus defeated what great Carthaginian general in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Punic War?
16. For what prize did Jason and the Argonauts set sail to Colchis?
17. What Thracian slave raised a rebellion against his Roman masters?
18. What is the collective name for Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos?
19. What magical creature was born from the beheaded Medusa?
20. What English word means “horn of plenty”?
21. Who was the father of the original six Olympian gods?
22. By what ingenious device did the Romans bring water to their cities?
23. What sea, named after the father of Theseus, is to the east of Greece?
24. What epic begins with the words: “Sing, goddess, of the wrath of Peleus’ son Achilles”?
25. What goddess’ fire was kept burning perpetually in Rome?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Introductory Exam Continued

26. What hero's final labor was to bring the three-headed dog Cerberus up from the Underworld?
27. What god guided the souls of the dead to the Underworld?
28. What Latin phrase means "with the highest praise"?
29. What goddess sprang fully grown and armed from the head of Zeus?
30. Who won the beauty contest that was brought about by the "apple of discord"?
31. What were the food and drink of the gods?
32. What Latin expression means "from the library of"?
33. What Greek god's symbols include the dog and the vulture?
34. In what large entry room were visitors greeted in a Roman house?
35. On what day in March was Caesar assassinated?
36. What abbreviation means "against"?
37. Who was the faithful wife of Odysseus?
38. What Latin phrase is used to designate unknown land?
39. What Latin phrase means "I came, I saw, I conquered"?
40. What goddesses acted as agents of vengeance?
41. In what region of the Underworld were villains like Tantalus punished?
42. What river runs just to the west of the ancient city of Rome?
43. What is the term for the male head of a Roman family?
44. According to Greek mythology what titan holds up the heavens?
45. To what god was the Delphic Oracle sacred?
46. What English word literally means "I forbid" in Latin?
47. What is the full Latin for the abbreviation e.g.?
48. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus defeat the Minotaur?
49. What garment signified Roman citizenship?
50. What Roman god do an eagle and an oak tree represent?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Level I Exam

1. What Latin expression identifies a person as not welcome?
2. What Latin abbreviation means, “Note Well”?
3. What phrase refers to the extended era of peace established under Roman rule?
4. What Latin word literally means “things to be done”?
5. What honorary name did the Roman senate bestow on Octavian, the adopted son of Caesar?
6. What is the value of the Roman numeral MCL?
7. What was the speaker’s platform called in the Forum Romanum?
8. Scipio Africanus defeated what great Carthaginian general in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Punic War?
9. What Thracian slave raised a rebellion against his Roman masters?
10. What is the collective name for Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos?
11. By what ingenious device, at right, did the Romans bring water to their cities?
12. What sea, named after the father of Theseus, is to the east of Greece?
13. What epic begins with the words: “Sing, goddess, of the wrath of Peleus’ son Achilles”?
14. What goddess’ fire was kept burning perpetually in Rome?
15. What god guided the souls of the dead to the Underworld?
16. What Latin expression means “to err is human”?
17. In what structure were chariot races held in ancient Rome?
18. What is the Greek for Mother Earth?
19. What Latin expression means “one out of many”?
20. What Latin phrase is used to designate unknown land?
21. What Latin phrase means “I came, I saw, I conquered”?
22. What was the Roman festival that gives us many of our Christmas customs?
23. What Latin expression means “love conquers all”?
24. What is the full Latin for the abbreviation e.g.?
25. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus defeat the Minotaur?



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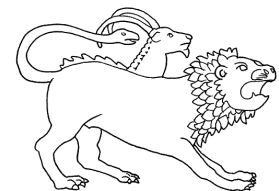
26. What is the plural form of alumna?
27. What Greek goddess characteristically carried the aegis of Zeus, at right?
28. On what hill in Rome did Romulus found the city?
29. What epic begins “I sing of arms and a man”?
30. What is the belief in many gods called?
31. What Latin phrase would signify that a meeting is being held in secret?
32. What letters of the Greek alphabet signify the beginning and the end?
33. What plural Latin noun is used to refer to customs and values of a society?
34. What English word, derived from the Latin word for “father,” is the equivalent of “aristocratic”?
35. What Latin phrase would be used to designate a daily wage?
36. What Latin phrase would signify that a city was destroyed *totally*?
37. What is the abbreviation that signifies “The Senate and the Roman People”?
38. What English word means “before the war”?
39. What god, whose name means “all,” had the form of a satyr?
40. What is the Latin for a “slip of the tongue”?
41. What Latin phrase means “thus passes the glory of the world”?
42. Who was the elected official who represented the plebs in ancient Rome?
43. What Latin phrase refers to “the existing state of affairs”?
44. Apollo’s crown for victory, at right, is made from what kind of leaves?
45. What English adjective is derived from the Latin for “great-souled”?
46. What is the name of the large island directly off the boot heel of Italy?
47. From what previous civilization did the Romans adopt the practice of gladiatorial combats?
48. What English word, derived from the Latin for “chance,” means “accidental” or “lucky”?
49. What was the name of the tripartite (lion-goat-snake) monster slain by Bellerophon?
50. What was the name for the bundles of sticks and ax that represented the authority of a Roman magistrate?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Level II Exam



1. What son of Daedalus fell to his death when he flew too close to the sun?
2. Who ferried the souls of the dead across the river Styx?
3. What phrase refers to the extended era of peace established under Roman rule?
4. What is the value of the Roman numeral MDC?
5. What is the collective name for Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos?
6. What epic begins with the words: “Sing, goddess, of the wrath of Peleus’ son Achilles”?
7. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus defeat the Minotaur?
8. What is the plural form of alumna?
9. Who was the Roman god of beginnings and doorways?
10. What epic begins “I sing of arms and a man”?
11. What Latin phrase would signify that a meeting is being held in secret?
12. What plural Latin noun is used to refer to customs and values of a society?
13. What English word, derived from the Latin word for “father,” is the equivalent of “aristocratic”?
14. If a doctor intends for a medicine to be taken orally, he will use what abbreviation?
15. What Latin phrase means “thus passes the glory of the world”?
16. Who was the elected official who represented the plebs in ancient Rome?
17. Who stood by his father to defeat his mother’s suitors?
18. What English adjective is derived from the Latin for “great-souled”?
19. What English word, derived from the Latin for “chance,” means “accidental” or “lucky”?
20. What was the name of the tripartite (lion-goat-snake) monster slain by Bellerophon?
21. What Julio-Claudian emperor ruled next after Augustus?
22. Who was killed by his own dogs after viewing Diana bathing?
23. What is the title of Apollo’s priestess at Delphi?
24. What great friend of Achilles was slain while wearing Achilles’ armor?
25. Epics traditionally begin “in the middle of things.” What is the Latin phrase that refers to this practice?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Level II Exam Continued

26. Who was beloved of both Persephone and Aphrodite and in death became an anemone?
27. What Latin legal phrase means, “I don’t wish to contend”?
28. Sulla, at right, was first the legate and the chief rival of which Roman general and statesman?
29. What sea nymph was wife of Poseidon?
30. What double danger did Odysseus have to face after outwitting the Sirens?
31. What Latin abbreviation means “compare”?
32. Odysseus is to Penelope as Priam is to \_\_\_\_\_?
33. Who died after running a great distance from the field of Marathon to report the victory over the Persians?
34. What is the Latin phrase that means “the burden of proof”?
35. What writer is considered to be the Father of History?
36. What were the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C. wars between Sparta and Athens called?
37. What Latin expression means “in this sign you will conquer”?
38. With what daughter of Atlas did Odysseus remain for seven years?
39. What Latin phrase is synonymous with *rara avis*?
40. What is the Latin for “Hail, Mary”?
41. What Latin phrase refers to the brevity of life, but the relative permanence of art?
42. What Latin expression means, “not of sound mind”?
43. What Latin phrase, referring to individual preference, means “to each his own”?
44. What brothers, champions of people against the nobility, were referred to as the “gemmae” or jewels of Cornelia?
45. Though they were nursed by a wolf, who was the actual mother of Romulus and Remus?
46. Doctors have traditionally vowed to uphold what oath?
47. What Latin phrase literally means “no more beyond”?
48. What son of Apollo is said to have created the deserts when he lost control of the sun chariot?
49. What English word, derived from name of Jupiter’s father, means “gloomy”?
50. What Latin phrase refers to something you always have with you?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Level III Exam

1. What phrase refers to the extended era of peace established under Roman rule?
2. What is the value of the Roman numeral MDCLXVI?
3. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus defeat the Minotaur?
4. What Latin phrase would signify that a meeting is being held in secret?
5. What plural Latin noun is used to refer to customs and values of a society?
6. If a doctor intends for a medicine to be taken orally, he will use what abbreviation?
7. Of what city was Oedipus king?
8. On the side of what mountain was the Delphic Oracle, at right, built?
9. What Roman statesman finished his speeches with “Carthago delenda est”?
10. What English word, derived from the Latin for “chance,” means “accidental” or “lucky”?
11. Who was killed by his own dogs after viewing Diana bathing?
12. What is the title of Apollo’s priestess at Delphi?
13. Epics traditionally begin “in the middle of things.” What is the Latin phrase that refers to this practice?
14. Who was beloved of both Persephone and Aphrodite and in death became an anemone?
15. What is the art of prophecy by means of bird-watching?
16. What Latin abbreviation means “compare”?
17. Who died after running a great distance from the field of Marathon to report the victory over the Persians?
18. What presocratic philosopher believed that there was only the One and all change was illusory?
19. What Latin phrase is synonymous with *rara avis*?
20. What Latin phrase, referring to individual preference, means “to each his own”?
21. What brothers, champions of people against the nobility, were referred to as the “gemmae” or jewels of Cornelia?
22. Though they were nursed by a wolf, who was the actual mother of Romulus and Remus?
23. Penelope is to Odysseus as \_\_\_\_\_ is to Hector?
24. What Latin phrase literally means “no more beyond”?
25. What Latin phrase refers to something you always have with you?



## 2011 Classical Literacy Level III Exam Continued

26. What Latin verb, meaning “let it stand,” do editors use when they leave something uncorrected?
27. What Latin phrase means “to be rather than to seem”?
28. Patroclus is to Achilles as \_\_\_\_\_ is to Aeneas.
29. What is the Latin Bible traditionally called?
30. With the praise of what goddess does Lucretius begin his *De Rerum Natura*?
31. What Latin expression means that one should not argue over tastes?
32. Who, after having her tongue cut out, was transformed into a nightingale?
33. To what lawgiver did the Spartans trace their constitution?
34. Who set forth puzzles that served to support the view that motion and change were illusory?
35. What phrase on the back of a one dollar bill means “he has favored our undertakings”?
36. To whose temple in Eleusis did Athenians make an annual pilgrimage for spiritual cleansing?
37. What Latin phrase means “the master has spoken”?
38. What Latin phrase means “other things being equal”?
39. Who received as a gift for their service to their mother an early death?
40. To what Greek mathematician who studied and taught in Plato’s Academy do we owe the first formal proof of that square of the two sides of a right triangle equals the square of the hypotenuse?
41. What Greek writer composed hymns in praise of Olympic victors?
42. What term does Aristotle use when he speaks of art as providing an imitation of life?
43. Who killed himself after losing to Odysseus the right to Achilles’ arms?
44. What did Kant call those fundamental ideas that made experience of the world possible?
45. What structure in Rome boasted Doric, Corinthian, and Ionic columns?
46. To what Roman historian do we owe a history of Jugurtha and Catiline?
47. What daughter of Oedipus, at right, served as his guide?
48. What Greek philosopher described all things as having a material, efficient, formal and final cause?
49. Whose funeral oration upon fallen heroes inspired his fellow Athenians?
50. “Carpe diem” occurs in a poem by what contemporary of Vergil?

