

2012 Classical Literacy Exam: Introductory Level List

A.D./anno Domini	Elysian Fields/Elysium	P.M./post meridiem
A.M./ante meridiem	epic	P.S./post scriptum
Achilles' heel	Eros/Cupid	Pandora
ad infinitum	Et tu, Brute?	Pantheon
ad nauseam	etc./et cetera	papyrus
Aegean Sea	ex libris	Paris
agenda	fates	Parthenon
agora/forum	finis	paterfamilias
ambrosia and nectar	fresco/mosaic	Pax Romana
Aphrodite/Venus	furies	Pegasus
Apollo/Apollo	Golden Fleece	Penelope
apple of discord	Gorgons	Persephone/Proserpina
aqueduct	Hades/Pluto	Perseus and Medusa
Arachne	Hannibal	Pompeii
Ares/Mars	Hector	Poseidon/Neptune
Ariadne	Helen	post mortem
Artemis/Diana	Hephaestus/Vulcan	Prometheus
Athena/Minerva	Hera/Juno	quid pro quo
Athens/Acropolis	Heracles/Hercules	Romulus and Remus
Atlas	Hermes/Mercury	semper fidelis
atrium	Hestia/Vesta	semper paratus
Augustus	Homer	Spartacus
Caesar	I, V, X, L, C, D, M	Styx
carpe diem	i.e./id est	sub poena
Carthage	Icarus and Daedalus	summa cum laude
cave canem	Ides of March	Tantalus
Cerberus	<i>Iliad</i>	Tartarus
Chaos	Jason	tempus fugit
Charon	Jove, jovial	terra firma
Circus Maximus	labyrinth	terra incognita
Colosseum	M.D./Medicinae Doctor	Theseus
consul	marathon	Tiber
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	Zeus/Jupiter

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A.D./anno Domini	Cyclops	labor omnia vincit	pontifex maximus
A.M./ante meridiem	Delphic Oracle	labyrinth	Poseidon/Neptuno
Achilles' heel	Demeter/Ceres	lapsus linguae	post mortem
ad infinitum	Dionysus/Bacchus	laurels	Priam
ad nauseam	e pluribus unum	M.D./Medicinae Doctor	pro tempore
Adriatic Sea	e.g./exempli gratia	magnanimous	Prometheus
Aegean Sea	ego	magnum opus	puerile
aegis	Elysian Fields/Elysium	marathon	Punic Wars
Aeneas/ <i>Aeneid</i>	epic	mea culpa (tua culpa)	quid pro quo
Aesop	Eros/Cupid	Medea	rara avis
agenda	errare humanum est	mellifluous	Romulus and Remus
agora/forum	et al./et alii	mentor	rostra
alma mater	etc./et cetera	Minotaur	Saturnalia
alpha and omega	Et tu, Brute?	mores	satyr
Alps	Etruscans	Mt. Olympus	sedentary
alter ego	ex libris	Mt. Parnassus	semper fidelis
alumna/ alumnae	ex officio	Mt. Vesuvius	semper paratus
alumnus/alumni	Excelsior!	muses	sic semper tyrannis
ambrosia and nectar	fasces	N.B./nota bene	sic transit gloria mundi
amor omnia vincit	fates	Nike	Sicily
antebellum	finis	Odysseus/Ulysses	sine qua non
Apennines	fresco/mosaic	<i>Odyssey</i>	Sisyphus
Aphrodite/Venus	furies	omniscient	Sparta
Apollo/Apollo	Ge/Gaea	Orpheus and Eurydice	Spartacus
apple of discord	Golden Fleece	Ph.D./Philosophiae Doctor	SPQR
aqueduct	Gorgons	P.M./post meridiem	status quo
Arachne	Hades/Pluto	P.S./post scriptum	Styx
Ares/Mars	Hannibal	Palatine Hill	sub poena
Ariadne	Hector	Pan	sub rosa
Artemis/Diana	Helen	Pandora	summa cum laude
Athena/Minerva	Hephaestus/Vulcan	Pantheon	Tantalus
Athens/Acropolis	Hera/Juno	papyrus	Tartarus
Atlas	Heracles/Hercules	Paris	tempus fugit
atrium	Hermes/Mercury	Parthenon	terra firma
Augustus	Hestia/Vesta	paterfamilias	terra incognita
bona fide	Homer	patrician	Theseus
Caesar	homo sapiens	Pax Romana	Tiber
Capitoline Hill	Hydra	pax vobiscum	toga
carpe diem	I, V, X, L, C, D, M	Pegasus	tribune
Carthage	i.e./id est	Penelope	Trojan Horse
cave canem	Icarus and Daedalus	per annum	Troy
Cerberus	Ides of March	per capita	Uranus
Chaos	<i>Iliad</i>	per diem	valedictorian
Charon	in loco parentis	p.o./per os	veni, vidi, vici
Chimera	in memoriam	Persephone/Proserpina	verbatim
Circus Maximus	in toto	Perseus and Medusa	veto
Colosseum	iota	persona non grata	via
consul	Ithaca	Plebeian	vice versa
cornucopia	Jason	polytheism	vs./versus
Cronus/Saturn	Jove, jovial	Pompeii	Zeus/Jupiter

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

2012 Classical Literacy Exam: Level III List

a priori/a posteriori	fl./floruit	penultimate
Achates	flagrante delicto	Pericles
ad valorem	four causes (Aristotle)	peroration
Aeschylus	four elements	philippic
Ajax	Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres	Philomela and Procne
Alcibiades	gates of horn and ivory	Pindar
Anchises	gnothi seauton	Plato
annuit coeptis	Hadrian	Platonic ideas
Antigone	halcyon	Platonic love
arete	hapax legomenon	Plautus
Aristophanes	hamartia	Pliny the Younger
Aristotle	Heraclitus	polemic
arma togae cedant	Hesiod	preterition
arma virumque cano	Horace	primus inter pares
Atilia	infra dignitatem	Pythagoras
B.A./Baccalaureus Artium	Ionic	q.v./quod vide
b.i.d./t.i.d. (bis/ter in die)	ipse dixit	Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?
Cadmus	Julian-Claudian Dynasty	Quintilian
Carthago delenda est	lacuna	Quo vadis?
Cato the Elder	Laocoon	reductio ad absurdum
Catullus	Lesbia	res gestae
ceteris paribus	libation	Sallust
Cicero	liberal arts	Sappho
citius, altius, fortius	litotes	sc./scilicet
Claudius	Livia	Socratic wisdom
Cleobis and Biton	Livy	Solon
Code of Justinian	logos	sophist/sophistry
codex	Lucretia	Sophocles
Corinthian	Lucretius	stet
Croesus	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
dulce et decorum est pro patria mori	mimesis	Themistocles
elegiac	mirabile dictu	Thetis and Peleus
Eleusinian mysteries	modus vivendi	Tiresias
encomium	multum in parvo	Turnus
Epicureanism	Nisus and Euryalus	Ultima Thule
Eris	novus ordo seclorum	Vae victis!
esse quam videri	O tempora, O mores	verbum sat./verbum sat sapienti
Euclid	obiter dictum	Vercingetorix
Euripides	ostracism	viz./videlicet
ex cathedra	Ovid	Vulgate
exordium	palladium	Xerxes
felicity	Parmenides	Zeno's paradoxes