How Latin Aids English Reading Comprehension

According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) . . . English reading comprehension ability depends upon:

- Knowledge of vocabulary
- Ability to understand written text
- Ability to locate or recall information in a written text
- Ability to integrate and interpret information in a text:
    - Make comparisons
    - Explain character motivation
    - Examine relations of ideas across the text
- Ability to critique and evaluate what is read:
    - Examine text from numerous perspectives
    - Evaluate overall quality of text
    - Evaluate effectiveness of particular aspects of the text

Latin study provides:

-Knowledge of Latin vocabulary: prefixes (prepositions)
word roots

-Knowledge of derivatives from Latin in English:
prefixes
word roots
suffixes

-Knowledge of parts of speech
-Understanding of how words work together in sentences
-Practice reading Latin sentences
-Practice comprehending dependent clauses
-Practice paraphrasing Latin sentences and paragraphs in English
-Interpretation of Latin sentences and paragraphs in historical context and in relation to today's world
-Identification of characters and their personality traits
-Plot analysis
-Background information about ancient world and mythology

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