AP Latin 2026-2027
Summer Assignment

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Welcome to AP Latin. This summer assignment is designed to help familiarize you with the complex and authentic texts which we will be reading in AP Latin this year. The texts for AP Latin include *Pliny's Letters* and *Vergil's Aeneid*. The curriculum for AP Latin includes selections from each of these texts in Latin. In order to gain a better understanding of both of these texts, to gain a broader background knowledge of the material, and to facilitate the transition to translating authentic Latin, as it was written by the original authors, it will be necessary for students to read *Vergil's Aeneid* in English.

While there are numerous translations of this works, there is no one preferred or recommended edition. Translations of *Vergil's Aeneid* are available in both prose and poetry. Either translation is acceptable, however, a prose version may be more accessible. David West's prose translation is very accurate. It is available from Penguin publishing. Allen Mandlebaum's verse translation of the *Aeneid* is also very well done and an excellent resource.Many translations are also available online.

Students are required to complete the following work before the first day of class in September:

1) Read all of *Vergil's Aeneid* in English. Write a 1 paragraph summary of each book. Each paragraph should be a minimum of 5 sentences. Summaries may certainly be longer than 5 sentences.

Students are expected to bring their completed summer assignment to the first day of class in September.

If you have any questions or concerns about this assignment or about AP Latin, please see Mr. Scott or contact him via email at rscott@briarcliffschools.org.