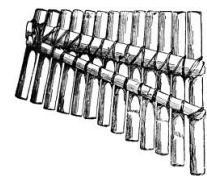


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1. What is the name of Athena’s terror-inducing shield?
2. What Latin phrase means “by virtue of one’s office”?
3. What adjective, derived from a triform mythological monster that was slain by Bellerophon, refers to something as existing only in unchecked imagination?
4. What Latin phrase means “in place of the parent”?
5. What was the name of Mercury’s snake-entwined staff?
6. What Latin phrase is used to mean an “average per person”?
7. What adjective derives from the Latin word for “boy” and means “childish”?
8. Who was the ancient Greek author of fables that often featured talking animals?
9. What Latin phrase means “to the stars through adversity”?
10. What 5th century B.C. Roman left his plow to serve as dictator in a time of emergency?
11. Which Latin phrase, meaning “Behold the Man,” is said to have been spoken by Pontius Pilate when he was presenting Christ, crowned with thorns, to a hostile crowd?
12. What Roman triplets, during the reign of Tullus Hostilius, defeated the Curiatii, triplets from hostile Alba Longa?
13. What daughter of Minos helped Theseus escape the dangers of the Labyrinth and the Minotaur?
14. What Latin phrase means “thus passes the glory of the world”?
15. What word from the Latin, meaning “flowing like honey,” is used to describe a sweet melody?
16. To what group did Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos belong?
17. What Latin phrase means “the existing state of affairs”?
18. From the transformation into reeds of what nymph did Pan fashion a musical pipe?
19. What noun from the Latin word for “grandson” refers to favoring one’s own relatives?
20. What Latin word is used in English to refer to the customs and values of a cultural period?
21. What Latin phrase describes a verbal miscue or slip of the tongue?
22. What epic begins with the poet singing of arms and the man who founds Roman civilization?
23. What adjective derived from Latin refers to something characteristic of the common people?
24. What Emperor in 313 A.D. proclaimed (in his Edict of Milan) religious toleration throughout the Empire?
25. What Latin legal phrase, meaning “body of crime,” refers to the principle that a crime must be proven to have been committed before one can be convicted of that crime?



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26. What riddle, solved by Oedipus, had “Man” as its answer?
27. What noun derived from the Latin meaning “without worry” refers to a job with little responsibility?
28. What Roman patrician first served under Marius and but later undertook a civil war against Marius and his followers?
29. What ancient Babylonian story is re-imagined in Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*?
30. What is the Greek term for a city-state?
31. What Latin phrase means “at first glance”?
32. What sister of Phrixus fell off the Golden Ram in their escape from Ino?
33. What Latin term refers to a person’s devotion to his religious responsibilities?
34. What Latin term is used in philosophy to refer to the highest good?
35. Who was the leader of Greek forces in the Trojan War?
36. What daughter of Cassiopeia did Perseus rescue from the sea-monster Cetus?
37. What Latin phrase means “let the buyer beware”?
38. What labor did Hercules, at right, accomplish with the help of the Alpheus and Peneus rivers?
39. What Latin phrase means “while I breathe, I hope”?
40. What Latin phrase means “a healthy mind in a healthy body”?
41. What is the name of the Cyclops whose eye Odysseus poked out?
42. What English adjective, referring to someone as indolent or idle, derives from the Latin noun meaning “leisure”?
43. Give the Latin for the abbreviation Q.E.D.
44. What term for a medicine that has no pharmacological effect derives from the Latin verb meaning “I will please”?
45. Who gave the funeral oration for Caesar and in Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar* speaks the words “Friends, Romans, Countrymen”?
46. What is the Latin phrase, meaning “hurry slowly,” used by Augustus in response to supporters who wanted to make changes at a speed that he thought was too great?
47. Who was the mother of Zeus’ daughter Helen?
48. What Latin abbreviation means “in the same place”?
49. What is the Latin phrase that refers to a law applied retroactively?
50. Who was the mother of Zeus’ sons Minos, Radamanthus, and Sarpedon?

