TEXAS STATE JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE
RECOMMENDED SOURCES FOR ACADEMIC CONTESTS
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N.B. - The out-of-print books on this list will not be considered as *sine quâ nōn* sources since they can be expensive to obtain. Most of the books on this list can be obtained via Amazon. Also, there are many excellent sites on the internet such as *Wikipedia* and *Perseus* which contain wonderful study materials. However, it is impossible to list all of these sites or to verify that the information on all of them is accurate and based on scholarly research. Use internet materials with caution. The test writers will do their best to verify information in the written sources that are listed in this document and will refrain from writing questions based on information found solely on internet sources such as *Wikipedia*.

**GRAMMAR**


*Gildersleeve’s Latin Grammar*, Basil L. Gildersleeve and Gonzalez Lodge, Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., Wauconda, IL, 1997. Paperback. This is the most comprehensive grammar after Allen and Greenough’s.

*New Latin Grammar*, Charles E. Bennett, Allyn and Bacon, Boston, 1969. A good grammar, but not as comprehensive as Allen and Greenough’s.


*Looking at Latin: A Grammar for Pre-College*, Anna Andresian Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., Wauconda, IL, 2006. Paperback. A great source for students of all levels, though the colorful graphics are very appealing to younger students.


*Review and Test Preparation Guide for the Beginning Latin Student*, Hocker, Prentice Hall. A good source for first year students with plenty of exercises and drills.


The *Amsco Review Texts* and state adopted textbooks are also recommended.
VOCABULARY

**Latin Word Building and Etymology**, J.D. Sadler, American Classical League, Hamilton, Ohio. A basic vocabulary list based on frequency and organized by root words. No English meanings. Available from ACL under the description “JCL Word Lists.”


**Basic Latin Vocabulary**, Clive Parsons and John Wilson, Bristol Classical Press, a division of Bloomsbury Publishing.

**Essential Latin Vocabulary**, Mark A. E. Williams, Sophron, 2013. This book contains 1,425 of the most common Latin words occurring in the writing of famous Roman authors.

**Amsco Review Texts** (particularly the sections on synonyms, antonyms, and related words) and state adopted textbooks are excellent study sources for vocabulary.

* The ultimate authorities (but not recommended as study sources) for vocabulary items are Lewis & Short’s **A Latin Dictionary** and the **Oxford Latin Dictionary**.

LATIN DERIVATIVES


**Latin-English / English-Latin Derivatives Dictionary**, James Greenwald. Please visit the NJCL website to obtain a free copy, which has been made available generously by the author James Greenwald, a long-time Latin teacher and JCL sponsor from Wisconsin.

**Latin-English Derivatives Dictionary**, Rudolph F. Schaeffer, American Classical League, Hamilton, Ohio. Order from ACL Teaching Materials and Resource Center. Please use with caution as there are errors in the booklet.


**Book of Roots: A Full Study of Our Families of Words**, Duane Beeler, Union Representative, Chicago, IL, 1988. List all the families of words within English and shows their roots and derivative meanings. Paperback available from Union Representative, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.


**NTC’s Dictionary of Latin and Greek Origins**, Bob and Maxine Moore, NTC Publishing Group, Chicago, IL, 1997. A good source for both Latin and Greek derivatives tests; however, use with caution as there are mistakes in the book. Also contains information on Greek derivatives.


*Another source that is used to verify etymology for Latin and Greek Derivatives test is dictionary.com.*

**MOTTOES, PHRASES, ABBREVIATIONS, & FAMOUS QUOTATIONS**

**Cree’s Dictionary of Latin Quotations**, Newbury Books, 1979. The book is currently out-of-print, but copies may be obtained from any used book search engines.


Many dictionaries include abbreviations and phrases.

**MYTHOLOGY**

**Classical Mythology**, Mark Morford and Robert Lenardon. The most recent edition of Morford and Lenardon’s **Classical Mythology** is published by Oxford University Press. A good source for students beginning their study of myth.


The Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology, Edward Tripp, Meridian Books, The Penguin Group, New York, 1974. A good source for students in dictionary format. One of the best mythology dictionaries out there. It is currently out-of-print, but a copy may be obtained via Amazon.com or other used book search engines.

The Dictionary of Classical Mythology, Pierre Grimal, Blackwell Publishers, 1996. One of the most complete dictionaries in print today. Order through Amazon.com


Advanced myth students should be familiar with the primary sources (in translation) of Homer, Hesiod, the Greek tragedians, Vergil, Ovid, Apollodorus, & Apollonius Rhodius.

ROMAN HISTORY


Chronicle of the Roman Emperors, Christopher Scarre, Thames and Hudson, 1995. An excellent source for beginning and advanced students of Roman history. The illustrations and charts make this book an excellent addition.


ROMAN LIFE


Roman Life, Mary Johnston, Scott, Foresman, Glenview, IL, 1957. A revision of her father’s book with lots of illustrations. Good source for first year students. Currently, this book is out-of-print, but a copy may be obtained from any used book search engines.


LATIN LITERATURE

Latin Literature, Gian Biagio Conte, translated by Joseph B. Solodow, John Hopkins University Press, 1994. This is a revised edition and a very complete source. It contains very detailed information about each author and the author’s work(s). Highly recommended for advanced students and serious certamen players. Paperback available.


Handbook of Latin Literature, H.J. Rose, Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., Wauconda, IL, 1996. A very detailed source that can be difficult for beginning students. It provides detailed information about each author, as well as specific Latin content from and astute analysis of each author’s work(s).


Greek and Roman Authors, Michael Grant, H.W. Wilson Company, New York, 1980. Dictionary format. Appendix contains a chronological list of authors by century. Also a source for the Greek Life and Literature Test.

The Cambridge History of Classical Literature II: Latin Literature, E.J. Kenney and W.V. Clausen, Editors, Cambridge University Press, 1982. A very complete source which is, unfortunately, very expensive.

GREEK HISTORY

A History of Greece, J.B. Bury and Russell Meiggs, Palgrave, 1977. This is, along with the Oxford Classical Dictionary, is considered the summa auctoritās for this test. Highly recommended for advanced students.


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Greek-English / English-Greek Derivatives Dictionary, James Greenwald. Please visit the NJCL website to obtain a free copy, which has been made available generously by the author James Greenwald, a long-time Latin teacher and JCL sponsor from Wisconsin.

Greek-English Derivatives Dictionary, Rudolph F. Schaeffer, American Classical League, Hamilton, Ohio. Order from ACL Teaching Materials and Resource Center. Please use with caution as there are some errors.

*See the sources under Latin derivatives.

GREEK LIFE AND LITERATURE


*Most of the sources listed for Greek History also have sections on life and literature.

GEOGRAPHY & MONUMENTS OF THE CLASSICAL WORLD


Rome and Environs, An Archaeological Guide, Filippo Coarelli, University of California Press, 2007. An extremely well done resource with some very nice illustration and maps. A highly recommended source that contains very detailed information on various archaeological sites and monuments in the city of Rome and its surroundings. Available through American Classical League’s TMRC.


CLASSICAL ART


The Oxford History of Classical Art, John Boardman, Oxford University Press, 1993. A good source that has some good information about classical art and architecture.


DECATHLON

Students preparing for the Decathlon should use the sources listed above. Be sure to check the contest rules for the categories covered on the TSJCL Decathlon Test.