# 2023 Classical Literacy Exam

The Classical Literacy Exam is given to all Latin students in May. This competition measures basic knowledge of all aspects of Greek and Roman civilizations, including vocabulary, expressions, mythology, history, culture, quotes, and geography. The various lists include terms like:

- valedictorian (the #1 academic student who 'says goodbye' at graduation)
- Pandora's box (how the Greeks and Romans explained the existence of evil in the world)
- protean (easily changeable, from the shape-shifting sea-god Proteus)
- hubris (excessive pride, the downfall of many protagonists in Greek tragedy)



This red-figure vase painting shows Proteus, sometimes called the Old Man of the Sea. Like Poseidon's son Triton, Proteus is half-man and half-fish. Menelaus became stranded in Egypt on his journey home from the Trojan War, and — although Proteus changed into all sorts of creatures and objecs — Menelaus held him down and forced him to help find a way back home to Sparta.

### 2023 CLASSICAL LITERACY EXAM

#### 6th Grade Level

Corona Aenea Ribbon Sophie Daniher Aidan Grant Claudio Matos

Corona Argentea Ribbon
Lexy Beyerbach
J.J. Castellini
Jack Erbeck
Samuel Krulcik
Austin Miller
Dominic Montaque

Dallas Parker Caroline Reynolds

Corona Aurea Ribbon
Henry Ahouse
Colton Bettcher
Eileen Bolan
Ava Boyer
Natalie Campbell
Beckham Carrasquillo
Van Devendorf
Asela Goico
Mabel Hartmann
Marguerite Jackson

Charlie Jenkins Stefen Karageorges Cameron Kline Amber Kuehnel Nico Palacio-Vega Sofia Pancheri

Nikhil Jain

Lucy Viveros Valdepena

#### Level 1

Corona Aenea Ribbon
Anneliese Brouwer
Grey Bryant
Addison Golden
Sam Hinton
Alexis Lange
Liv Mueller
Abigayle Penote
Johnny Sumnar
Cailyn Youtsey

Corona Argentea Ribbon
Chike Anusionwu
Liam Buckius
Bennett Kreeger
Brett Maples
Maddie Mescher
Grace Sabath
Kat Shuey
Hamilton Uhl

Corona Aurea Ribbon
Olivia Beltran
Alina Butcher
Drew Fletcher
Kyan Gatewood
Shriyan Masineni
Sophia Nery
John Trokan

Level 2 Corona Aurea - Emily Bolan

Level 3 Corona Aenea Ana Leyendecker Kori McLane

Level 3 Corona Aurea - Mia Rahner

Perfect Score Medal!
Parker Adams (6th grade)
James Busch (6th grade)
Ben Hofmann (Level 1)
Olivia Miele (6th grade)
Enya Renfrow (6th grade)
Alejandro Sharp (6th grade)

# 2023 Pegasus Mythology Exam

The Pegasus Mythology Exam is a multiple-choice test given every February to over 5,000 middle school students from over 300 schools across the United States. This exam includes the origins of the classical gods, the rule of the Olympians, and a special section on Jason & the Argonauts, the group who went on the quest for the Golden Fleece.



In this vase painting, Athena is born from Zeus' head, with the help of Hephaestus.

The 6th graders took a 40-question test, and 50% earned an award this year.

#### 'Cum Laude' Certificate (30-33):

Parker Adams, Lexy Beyerbach, Natalie Campbell, Sophie Daniher, Jack Erbeck, Jack Geers, Asela Goico, Easton Griffin, Alaina Williams

#### Ribbon + 'Magna Cum Laude' Certificate (34-36):

Van Devendorf, Mabel Hartmann, Marguerite Jackson, Nikhil Jain, Edward Neyra

#### Silver Medal + 'Maxima Cum Laude' Certificate (37-38):

Eileen Bolan, Beckham Carrasquillo, Stefen Karageorges, Olivia Miele, Dallas Parker, Enya Renfrow

#### Gold Medal + 'Summa Cum Laude' Certificate (39):

Henry Ahouse, Colton Bettcher, Charlie Jenkins, Cameron Kline, Sofia Pancheri, Alejandro Sharp

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders took a 50-question test. It included the 40 questions from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade exam with 10 more detailed questions on Jason and the Argonauts.

63% of Summit 7th and 8th graders earned an award this year.



In this vase painting, Medea — after causing the death of Jason's new bride — escapes on a serpent-drawn chariot.

#### 'Cum Laude' Certificate (40-42):

Manu Cantillo, Rylee Jewell, Liam Kenney

#### Ribbon + 'Magna Cum Laude' Certificate (43-45):

Tyler Gier, Landon Miller, Cailyn Youtsey

#### Silver Medal + 'Maxima Cum Laude' Certificate (46-47):

Jack Baker, Olivia Beltran, Kyan Gatewood, Bennett Kreeger, Kat Shuey, Madelyn Smith, Johnny Sumnar

#### Gold Medal + 'Summa Cum Laude' Certificate (48-50):

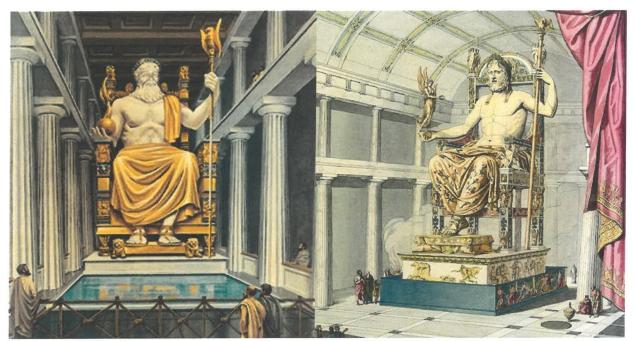
Liam Buckius, Ben Hofmann, Shriyan Masineni, John Trokan (perfect score!)

## 2023 Exploratory Latin Exam

Over 1000 students competed in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Exploratory Latin Exam. Its purpose is to promote enthusiasm for the classical world in elementary and middle schools. The ELE is a 50-question multiple choice exam on derivatives, Roman life, mythology, art & architecture, etc. This year's exam included 10 'special topic' questions on 'The Seven Wonders of the Ancient Greek World.' Over 30% of Summit 6th graders earned an award.

#### Questions included:

- > What is the opposite of ita vērō? (minimē)
- > Which animal is often seen chasing a mūs and being chased by a canis? (fēlēs)
- > Hoc spectāculum habet flūmen et arborēs et flōres. (Hortī Babylōnis)



The statue of Zeus at Olympia was one of the Seven Wonders. The gold and ivory sculpture was made by Phidias, the same person who created the statue of Athena in the Parthenon.

### 'Cum Laude' Certificate + Ribbon (35-39):

Parker Adams, Colton Bettcher, Lexy Beyerbach, Natalie Campbell, Sophie Daniher, Marguerite Jackson, Charlie Jenkins, Cameron Kline, Claudio Matos, Dallas Parker

### 'Magna Cum Laude' Certificate + Ribbon (40-45):

Henry Ahouse, Van Devendorf, Nico Palacio, Sofia Pancheri

### 'Summa Cum Laude' Certificate + Ribbon (46-49):

Olivia Miele, Alejandro Sharp (top Summit score!)