2025 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:

* quid pro quo (literally ‘what for what,’ now it means a trade or exchange)
* sowing dragon’s teeth (when the Greek hero Jason did this in his quest for the Golden Fleece, armed warriors sprang up; it now means doing something that will cause great harm)
* de jure (literally ‘from the law,’ it now means sanctioned by law; e.g., apartheid in South Africa was de jure segregation of the races)
* protean (readily taking on different shapes, forms, or meanings; able to change quickly; the English word protean comes from Proteus, a sea god who could change his shape at will)



This is Oedipus solving the riddle of the Sphinx (What walks on 4 legs in the morning, 2 legs at midday, and 3 legs in the evening? answer: a human). Oedipus also had the unfortunate fate of killing his father and later marrying his mother, and his name was used by Freud for the Oedipus complex.

**6th Grade Level Winners**

Corona Aenea (Bronze Crown) Ribbon

Macey Adams

George Kane

Ava Maly

Peyton McDonald

David Patino

Hailey Wise

Belle Yang

Corona Argentea (Silver Crown) Ribbon

Hannah Erbeck

Evan Fox

AJ Gray

Ruby Hayes

Luke Jenkins

Colin Kline

Henry Knepfle

Dean Mohan

Lauren Mueller

Gwen Suder

Corona Aurea (Gold Crown) Ribbon

Michaela Bell

Chelsea Beyerbach

Ryan Conte

Tristan Dona

Evan Fox

Matti Hofmann

Sydney Koo

Sophie Pressey

Russell Roth

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Carrigan Sams

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