

MOTTOES

1. ad astra per aspera – to the stars through difficulties
2. alma mater – nurturing mother (one's former school)
3. alter ego – other self
4. AD: anno Domini – in the year of our Lord
5. a.m.: ante meridiem – before midday
6. p.m.: post meridiem – after midday
7. ave atque vale – hail and farewell
8. carpe diem – seize the day
9. casus belli – occasion of war
10. caveat emptor – let the buyer beware
11. cogito ergo sum – I think, therefore I am
12. cum grano salis – with a grain of salt
13. cum laude – with praise
14. magna cum laude – with great praise
15. summa cum laude – with highest praise
16. de mortuis nil nisi bonum – say nothing but good of the dead
17. de gustibus non est disputandum – there's no arguing about tastes
18. deus ex machina – the god from the machine
19. dramatis personae – the persons of the drama
20. e.g. exempli gratia – for the sake of example
21. errare est humanum – to err is human
22. e pluribus unum – out of many, one
23. ex libris – from the books
24. festina lente - make haste slowly
25. fiat lux – let there be light
26. ibid.: ibidem – in the same place
27. i.e.: id est – that is
28. in absentia – in one's absence
29. in loco parentis – in the place of a parent
30. in medias res – in the midst of things
31. in memoriam – in memory of
32. in situ – in position
33. inter alia – among other things
34. inter alios – among other people
35. ipso facto – by the fact itself
36. lapsus linguae – a slip of the tongue
37. magnum opus – a great work of art
38. mare nostrum – our sea (the Mediterranean)
39. mater dolorosa – sorrowful mother (the Virgin Mary)
40. mea culpa – my fault
41. momento mori – remember you must die
42. mens sana in corpore sano – a healthy mind in a healthy body
43. modus operandi – method of operating
44. NB: nota bene – note well
45. nil desperandum – nothing to be despaired of
46. nolens volens – willing or unwilling
47. nolo contendere – I do not wish to contest
48. non sequitur – it does not follow
49. tempora! O mores! – oh the times! oh the customs!
50. p.s. post scriptum – written after
51. pax vobiscum – peace be with you
52. peccavi – I have sinned
53. persona non grata – an unwelcomed person
54. post hoc, ergo propter hoc – after this, therefore because of this
55. post mortem – after death
56. primus inter pares – first among equals
57. quid pro quo – something for something
58. quis custodiet ipsos custodes? – who will guard the guards?
59. QED: quod erat demonstrandum – which was to be proved
60. rara avis – rare bird
61. requiescat in pace – may he rest in peace
62. res gestae – things done
63. res ipsa loquitur – the matter speaks for itself
64. semper fidelis – always faithful
65. sic transit gloria mundi – thus passes the glory of the world
66. sine qua non – without which not
67. SPQR: Senatus PopulusQue Romanus – Senate and People of Rome
68. status quo – the state in which
69. sub rosa – under the rose (secretly)
70. tabula rasa – a scraped slate
71. tempus fugit – time flies
72. terra firma – solid ground
73. terra incognita – unexplored or unknown land
74. veni vidi vici – I came, I saw, I conquered
75. verbatim – word for word
76. vox populi – voice of the people