

Texas State Junior Classical League
Certamen Syllabus
for Area F for
2002 – 2005

Middle School and Novice Divisions

1. Language Skills
 - a. Cambridge Unit I, Stages 1 – 12
 - b. Cambridge Unit II, Stages 13 – 16
(These stages will be the source for grammar, vocabulary, and derivatives with supplemental grammar lessons covering the same topics from Amsco, Book I.)
 - c. State and National mottoes, phrases and common abbreviations

2. History
 - a. Even years: April 21, 753 B. C. – September 2, 31 B. C.; the emperors from Augustus through Domitian
 - b. Odd years: September 2, 31 B. C. – A. D. 476; the seven kings of Rome

3. Roman Life
 - a. Birth
 - b. Education
 - c. Homes
 - d. Clothing
 - e. Gladiators
 - f. Provinces
 - g. Geography of ancient Italy, including monuments

4. Mythology
 - a. the Titans
 - b. the Olympians and stories relating to them
 - c. Hercules
 - d. Perseus, Theseus, Jason, Bellerophon, Tithonus, Baucis and Philemon, Arachne, Daphne, Midas, Phaeton, Daedalus and Icarus, and major events and characters of the Trojan War

Lower Division

1. Language Skills
 - a. Cambridge, Unit III, Stages 1 – 29
(These stages will be the source for grammar, vocabulary, and derivatives along with appropriate lessons from Amsco II covering the same material except as noted below.)

- b. all forms of all five declensions of nouns and all three declensions of adjectives, deponent verbs, subjunctive, participles and infinitives
 - c. idioms from *Amsco Latin: Three and Four Years*
 - d. state, national, and college mottoes, phrases and common abbreviations
2. History: the same as for middle school and novice
3. Roman Life
- a. Birth
 - b. Education
 - c. Marriage
 - d. Slavery
 - e. Death
 - f. Warfare
 - g. Provinces
 - h. The geography of Italy, including monuments
4. Mythology
- a. The same as middle school with the additions of characters and events from the *Odyssey* and Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, the Muses, Jason and Medea, characters and events from the *Iliad*, Perseus, and Theseus

Upper Division

1. Language Skills
- a. Cambridge, Unit III, Stages 30 – 34
 - b. Cambridge, Unit IV, Stages 39 – 42
(These stages will be the source from grammar, etc. with lessons from Amsco covering the same material except as noted below.)
 - c. idioms as noted for lower division
 - d. uses of the subjunctive; *e. g.*, purpose, result, *cum* causal, *cum* temporal, *cum* concessive
 - e. active and passive periphrastics
 - f. figures of speech
2. History: same as for middle school and novice
3. Roman Life:
- a. Birth
 - b. Education
 - c. Marriage
 - d. Slavery
 - e. Death
 - f. Warfare

- g. Provinces
 - h. The geography of the Mediterranean world, including monuments
5. Mythology
The same as for the other levels with the further addition of the *Aeneid*
6. Literature: the lives and works of the following authors: Plautus, Terence, Julius Caesar, Martial, Lucretius, Livy, Tacitus, Pliny the Elder, Cornelius Nepos, Lucilius, Sallust, Catullus, Ovid, Horace, and Cicero

Sources

Primary sources such as the works of Homer, Vergil, and Ovid
D'Aulaires' *Book of Greek Myths*
Zimmerman's *Dictionary of Classical Mythology*
Amsco Series, I–IV
Mark Morford, *Classical Mythology*
John Tripp, *Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology*

Distribution of Questions/Topics

Middle School, Novice, and Lower:

Language Skills, 8; Mythology, 4; Roman Life, 4; Roman History, 4

Upper:

Language Skills, 8; Mythology, 4; Roman Life, 2–4; Roman History, 2–4; Latin literature, 2.