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LATIN III HONORS SEMESTER EXAMINATION REVIEW GUIDE

Directions

The good news is that you won't have to study for your semester exams over break. The bad news is that you will have to study for your semester exams over the next two weeks. Make a plan. Break up your priorities over several days. DO NOT attempt to learn Latin the night before the test. You will fail. Work together, testing each other. **Don't Panic.** Don't cram.

Test Structure

Your semester exam will cover stages 35 – 38, and will be comprised of the following elements:

- Verb synopses
- Grammar
 - Uses of the Subjunctive
 - ✓ [Purpose clauses](#)
 - ✓ [Result clauses](#)
 - ✓ [Indirect commands](#)
 - ✓ [Indirect questions](#)
 - ✓ [Fear clauses](#)
 - [Indirect statements](#) with present and perfect infinitives
- Reading Comprehension
- Translation
- Culture and history

Verb Synopses

- You will be given two verbs and asked to write a synopsis for each, based on a person and number which will be provided on the test.
- Download a [synopsis](#) sheet and practice writing up a synopsis for each person and number. Be sure to practice each conjugation several times.

Grammar

- Subjunctives: You will be given several sentences and asked to determine how it is being used in the sentence.

Use the resources at the back of your book (pp. 328 - 9) to practice.

- Indirect Statements: You will be given several sentences and asked to form the indirect statement and translate. You may also be asked to choose a word that best completes the indirect statement.

Consult the resources at the back of the book (pp. 331 - 333) to practice translation.

Reading Comprehension

You will be given one or more readings similar in themes, vocabulary, and characters as found in the textbook and asked to answer questions based on your understanding of the text concerning the following elements:

- ✓ Relation (subject/verb, adjective/noun)
 - ✓ Case function
 - ✓ Use of the subjunctive
 - ✓ Interpretation
- To prepare for this element of the test, re-read the stories from Stages 35 - 38 three times:
 - ✓ 1st reading: read for general understanding, what characters are doing what, what are the major themes, etc?
 - ✓ 2nd reading: grammatical features - what uses of the subjunctive do you recognize, what case usages stand out?
 - ✓ 3rd reading: translation - be able to provide an accurate translation of these stories.

Practice the vocabulary for these stages.

Translation

You will be given several sentences to translate, either as a part of other exercises or independently.

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- ✓ Make sure to review the [Translation Process](#)
- ✓ Practice the online vocabulary
- ✓ Use sentences from the book to practice translation.

Culture and History

You will be asked questions or asked to [write a short essay](#) concerning the following topics in the culture and history of Rome:

- ✓ Country villas
- ✓ Recitations
- ✓ Cursus Honorum
- ✓ Marriage