

Test scores in elementary schools have demonstrated the value of early language training.

Thousands of elementary students in big city schools benefit from courses in Latin roots of English words. These courses also teach them Roman culture and Greek myths. Through songs, word games and lively oral participation, students come to know the building blocks of words and families to which words belong.

Students of diverse nationalities benefit from the study of Latin.

Hispanic students have an edge in learning English, since 60% of English words (90% of words over two syllables) and 80% of Spanish words come from Latin. For Anglo, African-American, Hispanic or Asian students studying Latin translates into a larger vocabulary, higher reading scores, better pronunciation, and increased self-esteem. An ethnically neutral language and culture provides a bridge to improving English for all students. In addition, these

students gain access to the mainstream culture of western civilization by studying the magnificent and many-sided world of Rome.

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For more information about the value of the study of Latin, including articles like the one included in this brochure, please visit the website of the

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Why Study

Latin?

Does Latin help your SAT scores? The answer once again is a definitive YES!

The mean Verbal SAT scores for 2002 were:

All students:	504
LATIN:	666
Spanish:	581
French:	637
German:	622

But there's more to studying Latin than SAT scores. . . .

Latin Develops a Person's English.

A person's reading, writing and speaking of his or her own language is improved by studying Latin. His or her vocabulary is enriched, grammar is sharpened, and a sense of organization is instilled in him or her.

Greek and Latin provide a solid foundation for the acquisition of other languages.

Greek and Latin equip a person with the strongest single foundation for mastering Romance languages,

mance languages — French, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, and Spanish.

Reading, Writing, and Translating Greek and Latin Sharpens the Mind.

On account of their non-English word structure and sentence patterns, the classical languages have for centuries stimulated such mental qualities as being observant, accurate, analytic, and logical. Thus the mind is developed in demanding and practical ways. Classics majors are hired by firms that need personnel who can define and identify problems, think on their feet, and arrive at sound and creative solutions.

customs, values, and ideas that we have in common with Eastern and Western Europeans and with North and South Americans. We share many concepts in government, religion, art, literature, and economic systems.

Acquaintance with Ancient Cultures Promotes Tolerance and Understanding.

Aware of the rich and varied culture of the Greeks and Romans, one is more likely to accept the differing customs and values of other peoples today. For in the study of ancient civilizations, one encounters exotic

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modern inflected ones such as Russian and German, and even non-related tongues like Arabic, Chinese, and Japanese. Working with Latin and Greek broadens a person's notion of structures possible in languages other than English. In addition, Latin gives one a grip on about 80% of the vocabulary of the Ro-

The Civilizations of Greece and Rome Link Us with Cultures of 57 Nations on Four Continents.

A background in the classical civilizations makes Americans aware of

and extreme customs, which were not static, but evolved over the centuries. Familiar with diversity, change, and longevity in his own culture, a person is more inclined to respect the views, ideologies, religions, and economic systems of foreign peoples and to appreciate their rich, age-old traditions.