

Recognizing Aeneas: Reading Ovid's "Little Aeneid"

Ovid's treatment of the Trojan War and its aftermath, found in *Metamorphoses* XII - XIV, provides the high school Latin student an excellent introduction to reading epic poetry and understanding the Homeric world. With recent cuts to the AP Vergil syllabus, Ovid's "Little Aeneid" can be a particularly welcome complement to high school curricula. During this panel discussion, I will share a teaching unit on *Meta.* 13.623-739 that includes an intermediate-level commentary on the Latin text, an introduction to Ovid, and an overview of his work and of the Epic Cycle. It may also feature exercises for scanning dactylic hexameter, sight reading exercises, vocabulary exercises, and advanced grammar drills. The main goal of this unit is to increase intuitive reading, and so this presentation will focus on the implementation of non-traditional methods to quickly improve a student's fluency and confidence through the intermediate level.