

## The New AP Latin Course: Themes, Essential Questions, and Essays

One concern of many teachers of the AP Latin Course is the challenge of dealing with two very different authors, Vergil and Caesar, and preparing students to write the long essay, which can pose a single question for the two authors. The purpose of this panel is to explore one of the suggested Themes from the AP Latin Course and Exam Description, "Gods and Human Beings" and to pose questions about that theme to a variety of Latin authors of both prose and poetry. The hope is that these papers will provide examples for teachers to use in their preparation of students for the long essay of the AP Latin exam, as well as some suggestions for practice in sight reading.

The first two speakers will be high school teachers with years of experience in teaching AP Latin. By detailing how they approach such assignments, these two papers will offer suggestions and ideas for other high school teachers of AP Latin or teacher in general who are looking for ways to enrich their work with ancient authors.

The second two speakers are college faculty who have experience grading the AP Latin exam, and who also teach courses which ask students to write assignments much like the essay on the AP Latin exam.

This combination of presentations aims to encourage high school Latin teachers facing the new AP Latin exam and to put the preparation for the exam and the exam itself in the larger context of the work that students will be doing in college courses.