

Mastering Q3: Crafting & Coaching for AP Latin

The 2025–2026 academic year marks the debut of the redesigned AP Latin curriculum and exam. This 90-minute interactive workshop equips AP Latin teachers with clear strategies for guiding students through the new Short Essay (Question 3) format. Question 3 presents students with a brief passage from the required Vergil or Pliny the Younger readings on the AP Latin syllabus and assesses five key skills: comprehension, Latin citation, translation, interpretation, and explanation.

The session opens with a concise 30-minute overview of the question’s structure, the range of possible prompts, and the scoring approach used on the annual AP exam, including rubrics and guidelines. The remaining 60 minutes will be devoted to active collaboration: participants will work individually or in pairs with provided sample passages to create practice prompts that mirror the official format. Together we will explore effective ways to assess student responses that ensure alignment with the exam’s evaluative criteria.

By the end of the workshop, attendees will leave with ready-to-use classroom materials, deeper insight into the construction and scoring of interpretive prompts, and practical tools to position their students for success on the AP Latin exam.