

## Pliny: The Man and His Letters

This workshop is aimed at current and future teachers of AP Latin, whose prior knowledge of Pliny the Younger may have been limited to the small number of letters that were commonly read before Pliny became a part of the AP syllabus.

After a brief introduction to Pliny's time and life, the session will look at the letters themselves, particularly with regard to their rhetorical structure and Pliny's style. The intent is to introduce participants to Pliny as a literary author, in the context of the most recent scholarship on his corpus which overwhelmingly treats the *Epistulae* as literature.

Together participants will examine excerpts from some of the required and suggested letters in the new AP syllabus. Most examples will be taken from the textbook *Pliny: 20 Letters and Suggested Companion Texts* (Bolchazy-Carducci, 2025), of which the presenter is the author, and its accompanying workbook, which she co-authored. The primary goal is to provide teachers with pedagogical tools and perspectives that they can apply to the letters, so that their students can approach them as literary works in addition to reading them as historical sources.