

Latin IV Essay Rubric

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*Use this rubric as a general guideline for writing your essay. The rubric focuses primarily on your Latin quotes and English analyses, and how they both relate to your thesis. **N.B.** Although not included in the rubric, proper grammar, punctuation, and syntax count towards your overall grade.*

	<u>Thesis</u> as an opening and closing statement	<u>Two opinions</u> supported by <u>Latin text</u> that is <u>relevant</u> (in order to prove the thesis)	<u>Two analyses</u> that explain the connection among the <u>thesis</u>, <u>Latin</u>, and <u>translation</u>.
5 points exceeding	There is a clear opening and closing statement, each that offer a well defined thesis	There are two opinions (which support the thesis) of the author that are supported by relevant Latin text, which is accurately translated.	Each supporting opinion is skillfully written and clearly explains the connection among the thesis, (opinion with supporting) Latin, and translation.
3 points progressing	There is a thesis, but it is lacking in clarity, or not present in both the opening and closing	There is one supporting opinion of the author, which may be lacking in consistency, or the Latin text may have lapses in accuracy or translation.	Supporting opinions are lacking in organization, may be somewhat unclear, and need polishing to better connect their explanation to the thesis.
1 point beginning	There is an idea put forward, but it is unclear, possibly lacking in relevancy, meaning, or accuracy.	There may be some opinions stated, but they are unclear or insufficient. The supporting Latin may have errors in relevancy, or in the accurate English translation.	The connection among the thesis, opinion, supporting Latin, and translation may be unclear, unfinished, and/or unorganized. More work needs to be done to connect these ideas.

Essay Prompt

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Horum omnium fortissimi sunt Belgae, propterea quod a cultu atque humanitate provinciae longissime absunt, minimeque ad eos mercatores saepe commeant atque ea quae ad effeminandos animos pertinent important, proximique sunt Germanis, qui trans Rhenum incolunt, quibuscum continenter bellum gerunt. Qua de causa Helvetii quoque reliquos Gallos virtute praecedunt, quod fere cotidianis proeliis cum Germanis contendunt, cum aut suis finibus eos prohibent aut ipsi in eorum finibus bellum gerunt.

In this passage Caesar discusses the factors that he believes contribute to the bravery of the Belgians and then of the Helvetians. In a short essay, discuss these factors and point out which one he does not mention as operating in the case of the Helvetians. What does this omission indicate?

Support your assertions with references to the Latin text throughout the passage above. All Latin words must be copied or their line numbers provided, AND they must be translated or paraphrased closely enough that it is clear that you understand the Latin. It is your responsibility to convince the reader that you are basing your conclusions on the Latin text and not merely on a general recollection of the passage. Direct your answer to the question; do not merely summarize the passage. Please write your essay on a separate piece of paper.