

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the importance of learning Latin and be able to identify reasons for studying this ancient language.

## Materials and Prep

Materials Needed: The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Latin by Natalie Harwood (Chapter 1)

Prep: Familiarize yourself with the content of Chapter 1 and have a notebook ready for taking notes.

## Activities

1. Reading Comprehension: Read Chapter 1 of The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Latin and summarize the main points in your own words.
2. Reflection Journal: Write a short reflection on why you are personally interested in learning Latin and what you hope to gain from it.
3. Vocabulary Building: Create flashcards for key Latin terms introduced in Chapter 1 and practice memorizing them.

## Talking Points

- **Phrase:** "Carpe Diem"
- **Translation:** Seize the day
- **Phrase:** "Veni, Vidi, Vici"
- **Translation:** I came, I saw, I conquered
- **Phrase:** "Alea iacta Est"
- **Translation:** The die is cast