

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will understand the importance of learning Latin and be able to identify key reasons why it is beneficial.

## Materials and Prep

- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Learning Latin by Natalie Harwood
- Pen and notebook
- Computer or tablet for research

## Activities

- **Research Task:** Look up famous Latin phrases and their meanings. Choose your favorite one and write a short paragraph explaining why you like it.
- **Language Exploration:** Practice pronouncing Latin words using online resources. Try to say common phrases like "Carpe Diem" (Seize the Day) with correct pronunciation.
- **History Connection:** Research how Latin has influenced modern languages, especially English. Write a brief summary of your findings.

## Talking Points

- **Why Learn Latin:** "Latin is the foundation of many modern languages, including English. Understanding Latin can help you improve your vocabulary and comprehension."
- **Historical Significance:** "Latin was the language of the Roman Empire, one of the greatest civilizations in history. Learning Latin can provide insights into ancient culture and history."
- **Useful Latin Phrases:**
  - "Veni, Vidi, Vici" (I came, I saw, I conquered) - Julius Caesar
  - "Cogito, ergo sum" (I think, therefore I am) - René Descartes
  - "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of many, one) - US Motto