



# Forum Factorum



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## Catapults, Certamen, and the Clark, Oh My!

**Right:** BLA Intermediate players participating in the Certamen scrimmage.  
(Courtesy of BLA JCL)



**Below:** Aidan Low, BLA engineer, launches his ballista, which placed 2nd!  
(Courtesy of BLA JCL)



**Above:** The Pittsfield Large Catapult which placed 2nd in the competition!  
(Courtesy of Pittsfield JCL)



**Left:** Greek pottery from the Historia Antiqua mini-museum on exhibit.  
(Courtesy of BLA JCL)

### A Prose Interpretation **Austin Lombardi** Pittsfield High School

The 2011 Mass JCL Kick-off Event was a day filled with bearing frigid temperatures, reuniting with old friends, and catapulting projectiles. My chapter from Pittsfield High School endured the treacherous ride to Mount Greylock Regional High School and prepared ourselves for a day of Latin fun and catapult contests. Our school entered two very capable catapults into the competition: a marshmallow shooter named *Parvus Diabolus* (Little Devil) and our large 8 lb shooter named *Mala Mala* (Bad Apples). Months of applying physics would boil down to the moment of truth ahead.

However, before the contest could commence, we watched a hilarious officers' skit about the Muses and listened to a fascinating presentation on Greek and Roman gods. We then took a trip to the Clark Art Institute where several classmates and I examined Classical influences on art. Upon our return, we ate a delectable meal in the cafeteria.

Finally, after much anticipation, the competition began! First, our expertly painted marshmallow shooter soared 115 feet on its first shot. That was even further than the length of the measuring tape! This was followed by a 90 foot shot, which led to first place! Later on, it was time for the most amazing event of all—the large catapults. Many schools brought arrow and marshmallow shooters, but few dared to enter the realm of the gargantuan trebuchets. For Pittsfield High, this was our first year building a large catapult and we fired a distance of 75 feet, which was good enough for second place! Overall, the day was a great success and we look forward to competing with everyone at State Convention in the spring.

### A Poetry Interpretation **Anonymous**

Sing, oh, Calliope of blustery winds atop Mount Greylock,  
Rolling hills as far as the eye can see,  
Autumn leaves swishing through the breeze.  
Throng of JCLers come to discover  
The officers personified as Muses.  
Alas, mirth pervades the auditorium!  
Greek gods enchant the spirit  
As the raconteur weaves his tapestry  
Of age-old wisdom and elegance.  
Trips to Clark soon commence.  
Art aficionados explore its treasures,  
Time-traveling to the scenes of antiquity.  
Ma Keeley's bullhorn resonates,  
Invoking a battle of Titans and Olympians.  
But now, chapters vie with their foes.  
White sponges of confection sweep above.  
Arrows like Zeus' lightning zoom across the sky.  
Mounds of earth fire over the fields.  
Aeolus steals the wind from our breaths.  
'Tis a wondrous phenomenon—  
Catapults, ballistas, and trebuchets!  
Indoors, avid classicists seek glory.  
While buzzer machines ring,  
Certamen fever surges.  
The battle of speed and wits peaks.  
In harmony, hula-hoops whirl  
And Worm scrimmages evoke déjà vu.  
The bazaar displays trinkets and trifles  
With succulent sandwiches and mouthwatering munchies.  
By Jove, it feels like the Elysian Fields indeed.



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## A Letter from Your President



Dear Mass JCLers,

I'd like to welcome you all to our annual Classics Day at Boston University. For some of you, this may just be a way to miss a day of school. For the rest, Classics Day is a chance to interact with professors and students from all across Massachusetts about your interest in the ancient Greeks and Romans. This year, the theme for Classics Day revolves around powerful women in the ancient world. Although most of us learn about how dominant men like Caesar and Cicero were significant in antiquity, we often forget how influential women were during that time. I hope this year's array of workshops allows you to learn more about this often overlooked topic. I am very proud of our first vice president Derek Booth for planning and organizing Classics Day this year. Having coordinated this event myself last year, I understand the tremendous time and effort that it takes to put together such a popular MassJCL occasion.

I would also like to invite all of you to this year's annual State Convention. In 2012, State Convention will be held from April 27 to 29 at Barnstable High School. State Convention is a weekend filled with creative contests, academic contests, Certamen, and athletic events. If those events don't encourage you to come, there will also be a JCL dance, karaoke session, movie night, and game show event. For all of you who have always dreamed of being a contestant on a game show, you'll get the chance to participate in a Family Feud session along with your friends and compete for fun spirit prizes.

I hope to see all of you there!

With lots of Latin love,  
Eda Kaceli  
Mass JCL 2011-2012 President

## A Letter from the Editor



As the year draws to a close, Mass JCL has made it to the halfway point in a plethora of ever-exciting events. Having attended the Kick-off Catapult Day at Mount Greylock and now Classics Day at Boston University, we have two spectacular memories to reminisce about over the upcoming winter break. Gazing into the future, we have myriad of unforgettable experiences to look forward to: the semi-formal Snowball dance in February, countless Certamina month after month, and finally State Convention in April.

As you enjoy the assortment of workshops offered to you today, I encourage you to complete the crossword puzzle on the back page (8) about "Powerful Women of Antiquity." In addition, you will find a brand new Certamen puzzle to challenge your wits. Finally, I hope the diversity of articles in this issue caters to all kinds of JCLers. From an update on Yale Certamen, to information on the Pompeii exhibit in Boston, to an editorial on Facebook in Latin and AP Vergil, and several school updates, I am sure you can quench your thirst for the Classics as you peruse ahead. As Cicero once aptly stated, "*Natura inest in mentibus nostris insatiabilis quaedam cupiditas veri videndi.*" Nature has planted in our minds an insatiable longing to see the truth.

*Lege bene,*  
Rahi Punjabi  
Mass JCL 2011-2012 Publications Editor

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## A Note to Readers

If your chapter does not have a newsletter but is interested in starting one, please e-mail me at [editor@massjcl.org](mailto:editor@massjcl.org) and I would be delighted to help you. As always, please send in articles on your favorite events, write updates on the activities of your school's Classics Club, or submit an original piece of artwork. Thank you and I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Forum Factorum*!

Check out the e-Forum Factorum at [www.massjcl.org/forum.html](http://www.massjcl.org/forum.html)!

## Yale Certamen: Veni, Lusi, Vici!

Anton Zverev  
AMSA

I sat in my seat, clenching the buzzer with all my might. The final round of Yale Certamen was not going well, and we needed some motivation. “*Agite Aquilae!*” Hope, our mythologist, whispered. The score was Mt Greylock-20, Boston Latin School-35, Advanced Math and Science Academy-15. We were lagging behind with only 15 points, a meager score for all of the first ten questions. We needed to get our heads in the game or our hopes of conquering Yale Certamen would be over.

However, over the course of the next few toss-ups, our team adeptly scored many points and, as we neared the end of the round, the stress began to ease off. It looked like we might just win. Indeed, win we did, and the rest of the final round was much more favorable. We celebrated our victory with an astonishing score of 85-60-60. We had done it!

However, from the beginning, I knew we had prepared our hardest. With our novice but promising team of Heroic Hope, Amazing Ashwin, Glorious Greg, and me, I was quite astonished. Hope and her heroic mythology and grammar skills added up point after point; Ashwin’s amazing knowledge of history soared past everyone else; Greg’s culture studying paid off big time during bonus questions and my grammar got us through some tight situations.

Overall, our experience at the first Yale Certamen was entertaining and exciting, especially when our studying paid off and we won the Novice division competition! Everyone from AMSA agreed and was elated with our win.

“Great job, you guys!” our friends cheered.

“You were awesome!” exclaimed Ms. Lewis, one of our coaches.

The adrenaline rushed through my entire body when I seized my medal. Weeks of intense preparation had finally given our team the results we had been striving for. Cheers and applause rang in our eardrums as our brains felt this as one word: bliss. As the renowned Julius Caesar would have said after defeating arch rival Pompey Magnus’ advanced team in the final round of an International Historical Certamen, “*Veni, Lusi, Vici!*”



The AMSA Novice Certamen Team with their Gold Medals  
(Courtesy of AMSA JCL)

## Pompeii: Rediscovering the Treasures of a Lost City

Jeffrey Dubuisson  
Boston Latin Academy

The menacing volcano known as Mount Vesuvius looms 4,202 feet high over the ancient city of Pompeii in Italy. In the shadows of this great figure, however, lies a world of technological advances far beyond the dreams of other civilizations of antiquity. In 79 A.D., Mt. Vesuvius erupted and the cascade of ash and pumice which fell on the city has preserved many useful artifacts to help us take a glimpse into the past. These archaic wonders are on exhibit until February of 2012 at the Museum of Science in Boston. In JCL chapters around Massachusetts, such as Boston Latin Academy’s, students are making visits to this exhibit to check out these treasures of the Roman world.

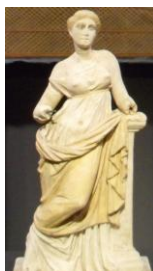
One realm of Roman society better understood because of the artifacts is that of medicine. The people of Pompeii believed that medicine was part magic and part science. For example, potions and talismans were often used as well as herbs. Some artifacts that were excavated include full sets of medical instruments, such as scalpels and probes similar to what modern doctors use. These show us that physicians from the ancient past knew how to set bones, drill holes into skulls, and perform amputations and even minor plastic surgeries. They also were some of the first doctors to clean their instruments in boiling water in order to keep them sanitary after use.

As Romans, the people of Pompeii strongly believed in the pantheon of gods, particularly their patron deities Jupiter, Apollo and Venus, whom they thanked as founders of their city. They also believed in minor spirits, such as the deceased individuals in their family. Pompeians complied with Roman tradition by burying their dead outside the city walls. Gold coins have been found on eyes or in mouths of such dead. After the first century A.D., the Romans cremated their dead. Many earthenware and glass vases containing combs of the deceased have been found along with their ashes. In addition, much jewelry has been discovered including *bullae* and bracelets, which were crafted with intricate detail such as miniature palm leaves and glass pieces in the bangles.

The phenomenal collection of artifacts from Pompeii shows us many facets of the culture of the city. However, only when you approach the body cast section can you start to realize how the citizens acted in the wake of death. Through the various plaster casts, you can see that deaths by asphyxiation were prolonged and torturous. Although some escaped, most citizens succumbed to the toxic fumes and perished, clinging to their loved ones in their final moribund hours. All these unique experiences, which one can discover at the Museum of Science’s exhibit, illustrate how Pompeii, a city which disappeared for over a thousand years, has been resurrected to tell its tale.



A Plaster Cast of a Dying Couple (Courtesy of Editor)



A Statue of Venus (Courtesy of Editor)



Gold Armbands with Glass (Courtesy of Author)

# Meet Your 2011-2012 Officers!

## Demystifying the Secrets of This Year's Mass JCL Executive Board

Welcome to the section of the *Forum Factorum* where we divulge fun facts and trivia about our Mass JCL Officers! The following survey was given to the 2011-2012 Executive Board and everyone was told to answer the questions honestly. I hope this helps you get to better know our officers during this Mass JCL year.

*Photo Courtesy of Emily Chang*

### Survey Questions

1. Favorite monster in Classical mythology:
2. Favorite ice cream sundae topping:
3. Favorite Latin quotation:
4. Favorite place to eat on the way to JCL events:
5. Favorite Mass JCL cheer:
6. What hopes do you have in regards to your office for this year?
7. Something not many JCLers know about you:



### President

**Eda Kaceli**  
12th Grade  
Boston Latin Academy



1. The Sirens
2. Hot fudge
3. "*Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit.*" – Perhaps someday it will help to remember even these things. (Vergil)
4. Starbucks
5. Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
6. I hope to lead Mass JCL into another spectacular year and organize an unforgettable State Convention at Barnstable High School.
7. I was born in Albania and lived in Athens, Greece for four years.

### First Vice President

**Derek Booth**  
12th Grade  
Lunenburg High School



1. Charybdis
2. Caramel
3. "*O terque quaterque beati!*" – O thrice and four-times blessed! (Vergil)
4. Sbarro's
5. Funky Chicken
6. I hope to put on the best Classics Day I can, as well as create more interest in the Publicity Contest so that more people can learn about Mass JCL.
7. I played mallet percussion in the Massachusetts Central District Concert Band last January.

### Second Vice President

**Samantha Collette**  
12th Grade  
Lunenburg High School



1. Cerberus
2. Heath bar pieces
3. "*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*" – Who will guard the guards themselves? (Juvenal)
4. We usually go to Starbucks and I don't get anything, so I just drink whatever Chriso gets. ☺
5. Paul Revere!!!
6. Well I'm already beyond excited that we won spirit at Nationals this year and I really hope to get some good community service ideas out there for the year.
7. I've been writing and singing my own songs since I was 12. I've got some of my recordings up on Youtube!

### Secretary

**Pearl Sutter**  
10th Grade  
Mount Greylock



1. Sphinx
2. Chocolate sauce with colorful sprinkles
3. "*Mendacem memorem esse oportet.*" – It is fitting that a liar should be a man of good memory. (Quintilian)
4. Pretzel Time
5. Paul Revere
6. I hope that I can put my full attention into my office to do the best job I can, but still have a good time.
7. I am a magician and actually performed in That's Entertainment at States in my 8th grade year with magic.

### Treasurer

**Meghana Vagwala**  
10th Grade  
AMSA



1. Delphyne—the story of Hermes and Aegipan once brought me some unforgettable laughs.
2. Rainbow sprinkles
3. "*Ipsa scientia potestas est.*" – Knowledge itself is power. (Bacon)
4. Panera Bread
5. Does "How Funky is your Griffin" count?
6. I am committed to always have the spreadsheet up to date, make monthly deposits, and keep an archive of all of Mass JCL's invoices and receipts.
7. People often mistake me for being a year older than I really am, which is funny, because I actually skipped 6th grade.

### Parliamentarian

**Chriso Hynds**  
12th Grade  
Boston Latin Academy



1. Medusa
2. Caramel
3. "*Acta est fabula, plaudite!*" – The story is finished, applaud! (Augustus)
4. EVERYWHERE... I'm kinda fat like that
5. Paul Revere
6. I really hope to get at least two candidates for each office this year.
7. I have brown hair!!! :O

### Historian

**Kim DiLego**  
11th Grade  
Mount Greylock



1. Griffin, hands down
2. Hot fudge
3. “*Utinam barbari spatium proprium tuum invadant!*” – May barbarians invade your personal space!
4. Dunkin' Donuts
5. It's a tie between “Don't Mess” and “Buck Buck Buck.”
6. Taking lots of pretty pictures ☺
7. If I become too stressed, tired, or irritated, I begin to talk in either a Southern or Northern British accent, and for some reason answer to the names Violet or Edwin (respectively) when I do so.

### Publications Editor

**Rahi Punjabi**  
10th Grade  
AMSA



1. Ladon—the hundred-headed dragon who guarded the Garden of the Hesperides.
2. Heath bar and caramel
3. “*Non nobis solum nati sumus.*” – We are not born for ourselves alone. (Cicero)
4. Panera Bread – I think that's the only place AMSA JCLers go.
5. Definitely Paul Revere
6. I hope the *Forum Factorum* will more prominently voice underrepresented schools and place in the top three in the NJCL State Publications Contest.
7. I hold a black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

### Technical Coordinator

**Artem Nurlat**  
12th Grade  
AMSA



1. The Teumessian Fox
2. The cherry on top, of course.
3. “*Tu ne cede malis, sed contra audentior ito, qua tua te fortuna sinet.*” – Do not yield to evils, but attack all the more boldly where your fortune may allow you. (Vergil)
4. In the car!
5. The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
6. I hope I can make the Mass JCL website ([www.massjcl.org](http://www.massjcl.org)) a useful tool for all state JCLers.
7. During the school year, I practice and perform improv comedy with my troupe.

## A Classical Depiction of the Mass JCL Officers

Illustrated By Autumn Burrell of Lunenburg High School



**The Olympian Gods and Goddesses**

(Left to right: Hermes, Athena, Zeus, Aphrodite, Hephaestus, Hera, Artemis, Apollo, Poseidon, Ares)

Congratulations to Autumn, the first Mass JCLer to create art for the Forum Factorum!

☺ I look forward to seeing more artistic submissions in the future. ☺

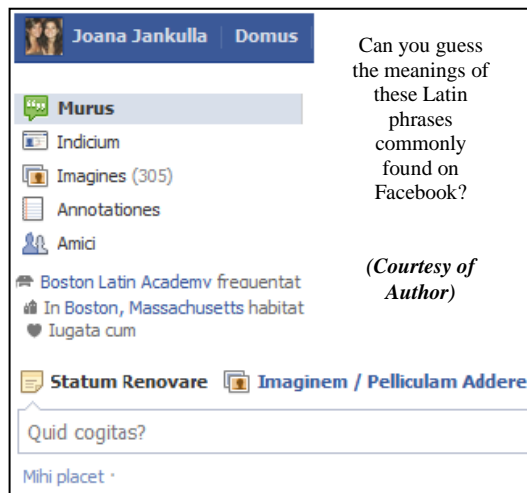
## *Liber Facierum: That's Right, Facebook in Latin!*

Joana Jankulla  
Boston Latin Academy

When I first signed up for Facebook, I didn't realize that it had several language settings. One day, my Certamen coach introduced me to the idea of having my Facebook page set in Latin. Since I love Latin so much, I decided to try it out. It was really tough to get the swing of it at first, but over time, I got familiar with it. Looking back, I am glad that I made the decision and encourage any other Latin student to do it.

On my new Facebook page, instead of my notifications saying someone posted on my wall, they said "*in tuo murus imposuit.*" The first time I saw this, it took me a while to understand. I translated it word by word: "on your wall posted" or "posted on your wall." I was also in complete awe, because instead of having the word "search" in the search bar, Facebook now said "*quaerere.*" When two people became friends, Facebook now posted "*iam amici sunt.*" And when I went onto someone's profile, instead of their profile saying "Attends Boston Latin Academy," it would have "*Boston Latin Academy frequentat.*" Then, when I liked someone's comment, Facebook said "*hoc mihi placet.*" All these creative ways to incorporate Latin into my Facebook page amazed me. Not only had Mark Zuckerberg, a former Classics student, revolutionized social networking, he had also revived a seemingly dead language by integrating it into modern technology.

As I adapted to my new Facebook settings, the vocabulary I saw online became second nature to me in my Latin class. One of the first words I learned from my Facebook was "*placet,*" meaning it pleases. Having my Facebook in Latin also broadened my Latin vocabulary because if I saw a word that I didn't know, I would have to look it up in a dictionary. Then, I would always have to remember its meaning so that I could navigate around my Facebook page. This helped me last year in my Latin 2 class because I would always confuse the words *munium* and *murus*. Facebook made it easier for me to understand that *murus* means a wall because that's what Facebook calls your wall. Overall, Facebook in Latin has brought the splendor of the language of the Romans to the modern world. It encourages the new generation of Latin students to bridge their studies with their everyday lives, kindling a new-found appreciation for the Classics.



## *Surviving AP Vergil*

George Liu-Krason  
Boston Latin School

### Translating the Aeneid

- 1. Know your forms:** It is helpful to be able to recognize the form of a word for fast translation. This also helps in finding noun-adjective agreement and subject-verb agreement because nouns and modifiers or subjects and verbs are often separated.
- 2. Syncopated/alternate endings:** For scansion purposes, perfect or pluperfect verbs can lose letters in between or take an ending like an infinitive. However, they follow certain patterns and learning these will help you recognize these alternate forms.
- 3. Supplying verbs:** Often times, you will not find a conjugated verb and instead many adjectives or participles. The verb *sum* can be supplied as a main verb or to form any perfect passive tense. Also, verbs of speaking are usually omitted, but these cases are easily spotted around quotes.
- 4. Poetic license:** Don't be bothered by a literal translation not making sense. For scansion purposes, some things are plural when they should be singular in context and vice versa.

### For the AP Exam

- 1. Scansion:** Learn to scan poetry quickly and proficiently. This skill will not only help you breeze through scansion questions, but also help your translation. By scanning a line, you can find naturally long vowels because the AP exam does not have macrons.
- 2. Vocabulary:** Find a frequency list that has words grouped by how often they appear. Memorizing it will be very helpful in translation.
- 3. The Essay:** When writing your essay, make sure to use selections from all parts of the passage. A good strategy is to divide it into thirds and select some quotes from each third.
- 4. English Readings:** The AP Vergil course does not cover the entire poem in Latin. Therefore you should read the English for skipped portions like books 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11. Reading these will help the story flow and assist you in understanding the *Aeneid*.

*Also take a look at the following resources:*

A Vergil Workbook by Katherine Bradley and Barbara Weiden Boyd

<http://vergil.classics.upenn.edu/>



May the Muses lead you through the *Aeneid* as they guided Vergil! (Public Image)

# Mass JCL Chapter Updates

Mass JCL chapters have participated in a variety of activities as they set foot on a new JCL year! Read the chapter updates below to remember the fall fun, find new ideas for your club, and be inspired to write about your own chapter's unique activities. If you would like your chapter to be featured and earn points towards the State Publications Contest, please send an update to [editor@massjcl.org](mailto:editor@massjcl.org).

## Abby Kelley Foster Charter School

By Ama Adwetewa-Badu

Greetings from the Abby Kelley Foster Classics Club! We are all very proud of the awards we received at the recent Mount Greylock Catapult Contest, but we've also been up to a lot lately within our own club. At the start of the year we had the pleasure of participating in our school's activities fair; through this, we added many new members to our chapter and also had a chance to publicize the JCL. We also participated in "A Taste of Abby Kelley," in which our Classics Club had a booth set up with cake, baklava, and other sweet treats.

The AKF JCL chapter has also completed several exciting activities in the middle and high school. As a whole group we made cameo necklaces out of Oreo cookies, just by using a toothpick and our imagination. The younger members of the club painted pots and pumpkins with Classical themes after school, which ended up looking quite beautiful; they also built a Roman road out of graham crackers, whipped cream, pretzels, cocoa, and a few other confections. Finally, we hosted our club's annual Lasagna Dinner, which consisted of games, pasta, music, and fun! In addition to the entertainment, it also garnered an awareness of the Abby Kelley Foster Classics Club in our community. The club as a whole looks forward to doing many more Classical activities as the year progresses.

## Advanced Math and Science Academy

By Amol Punjabi

AMSA Latin Club has been enjoying the fruits of JCL this fall. In September, we held an informational meeting which exposed new 6th graders to the excitement and passion of our Latin Club. We had tenderfoots play a round of Certamen, invoke their inner JCL spirit through cheering, launch marshmallows with our club's catapult, and learn about the exciting events Mass JCL has to offer throughout the year. In the spirit of Halloween, we had club members paint pumpkins in the style of Greek pottery during October. We also attended the Kick-off event at Mount Greylock, bringing many members and several catapults for the contest. Finally, at our most recent club meeting, we concocted some delicious Roman meals with authentic ingredients and then, feasted like the elite of imperial Rome. This month, we look forward to our annual Saturnalia festival, featuring chocolate dormice, Latin games, candles, and Classical greeting cards!



AMSA JCL Roman Cooking Workshop (Courtesy of Author)

## Boston Latin School

By Ava Violich

It's been a busy fall for BLS JCL! We began the year with a few organizational meetings, the publishing of our first newsletter, and an amazing booth at our extracurricular fair where our club found many new members! To kick things off, our chapter attended the first big Mass JCL event of the year, Catapult Day at Mount Greylock High School, along with many other chapters from Massachusetts. Although we didn't bring a catapult or ballista, we still had a lot of fun meeting old friends, watching the various launching attempts, and playing some friendly Certamen scrimmages. With help from Magistra Hausey and the BLS Classics Department, we also got to host a professor from Brandeis University, Ann Olga Koloski-Ostrow, who gave our class a fantastic and very informative presentation on Pompeii and ancient Roman life and customs. In addition, our Certamen teams have been to several competitions already, including a drive down to Connecticut for Yale's first tournament, where our Novice and Intermediate teams placed in the finals, and to a scrimmage at Roxbury Latin School, where all our teams did very well. In addition to this, BLS JCL has had a successful start this year in terms of community service. Along with trick-or-treating for UNICEF on Halloween, we helped out at soup kitchens during Thanksgiving, and have begun writing letters of appreciation and support for soldiers deployed overseas.

## Mount Greylock Regional High School

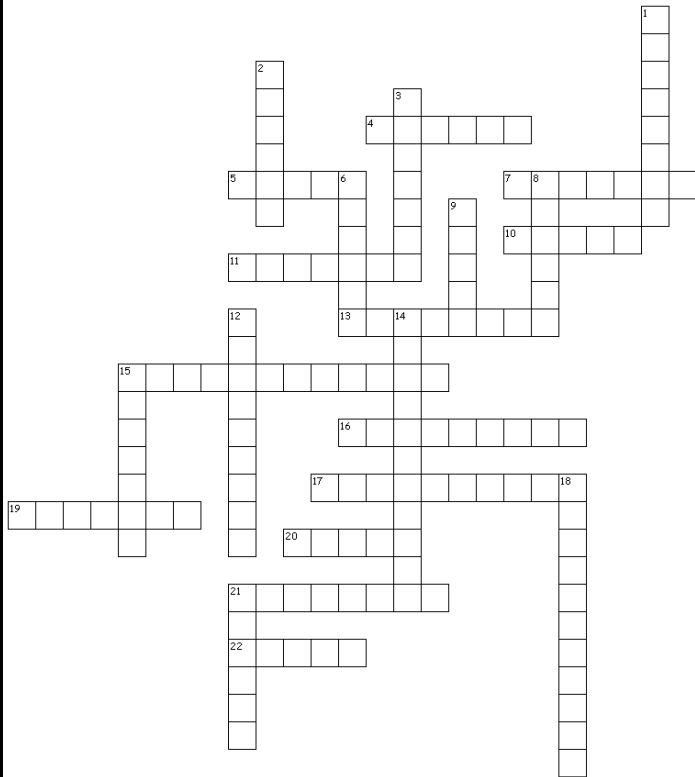
By Pearl Sutter

Members from the Mount Greylock JCL chapter have been extremely busy planning their JCL year since August. In between weekly meetings of the JCL chapter, Mount Greylock planned Catapult Day for the Mass JCL, and both an Induction Ceremony and a Saturnalia celebration for their own chapter. Mount Greylock JCLers have also adopted a new form of government and elected students as consuls to lead them throughout the year. There are currently fifty-one members in their chapter and all of them are excited for all the other Mass JCL events that are coming up. See you all at Classics Day!



Mount Greylock JCL Induction Ceremony (Courtesy of Author)

## Classical Fun!



**Directions:** In the spirit of this year's Classics Day theme "Powerful Women of Antiquity," the following crossword puzzle will test your knowledge on this fascinating topic. *Optimam fortunam!*

### Across

- I was a Greek poet from the island of Lesbos who wrote lyric verses.
- I offered nine prophetic books to Tarquinius Superbus, which he refused. He finally took three after I had burned the rest.
- I was the mother of Coriolanus who convinced him not to lead his Volscian army against Rome.
- My face launched a thousand ships leading to the Trojan War.
- I revolted against Rome and ruled my own Palmyran Empire in the East.
- I was an athletically talented woman who asked my suitors to outrun me in a footrace.
- While my husband was at Troy, I took up the lover Aegisthus and we killed my husband when he returned.
- I was the mythical queen of Lemnos, who spared my father Thoas.
- I was the wife of the founder of the Severan dynasty and my female descendants controlled its emperors.
- I was the leader of the Iceni revolt against Rome in Britain.
- I was an ambitious queen of Illyria who fought a war with Rome and lost.
- I was the domineering wife of the Emperor Justinian, who increased women's rights.
- I was the honorable wife of Augustus and the mother of Tiberius, who controlled both of their reigns.

### Down

- I was the mother of the Gracchi brothers, a paradigm of the Roman matron.
- I raised troops for my husband Mark Anthony but then Octavian defeated both of us.
- I was a devotee of Artemis and helped Turnus in the war against Aeneas and the Trojans.
- I was the great love of Catullus and the subject of many of his poems.
- I was the water nymph consort of Numa Pompilius who offered him advice.
- I killed my brothers and fled from my home with my husband Jason, who I cursed eternally.
- I had affairs with both Caesar and Mark Anthony and was the last pharaoh of Egypt.
- I poisoned my husband Claudius with mushrooms, but then my son Nero killed me.
- I swam across the Tiber River to escape from Lars Porsenna.
- I was exiled to Pandateria by Tiberius and starved to death.
- I ran a chariot over my father's body after conspiring to kill him.

## Certamen Corner

The cure for all JCLers with Latin fever!

### Certamen Trivia Puzzle 3

The correct answer to last issue's Certamen Trivia Puzzle was **MEROPE** (M-Mango, E-Ectenes, R-Rhesus, O-Opus, P-Perugia, E-Eclogues). **Both Timothy Morrissey and Meghana Vagwala of AMSA** submitted their correct answers on the same day. They each won a \$10 iTunes gift card and had the opportunity to write this issue's Certamen Trivia Puzzle. Congratulations to Tim and Meghana, and good luck with the puzzle!

- Take the first letter of the name of a celebrated Silver Age author of Latin literature whose most famous line won over Bishop John Fell and saved Tom Brown, an 18<sup>th</sup> century English satirist, from being expelled from Oxford University.
- Take the fifth letter of an English derivative of a Latin word for "eye" that is often used in advanced biology classes in relation to vaccines and diseases.
- Take the seventh letter of the unique name used only by Homer of a Theban queen whose fate was studied and analyzed by Freud.
- Take the first letter of the third word of a Latin idiom commonly used by a very famous Roman that means "to take chances."
- Take the second letter of the praenomen of a cuckolded Roman consul of the late Republic who was said to be equal to and surpass the gods (*si fas est*, of course) in the fifty first poem of a well known Roman poet.
- Take the first letter of the man in early Roman history, who had a son who killed his nephew and a grandson who killed his brother, though the second murder was ultimately for the good of Rome.
- Take the first letter of the Roman goddess whose Greek manifestation was often worshipped alongside Aphrodite Pandemos because of her significance in the field of seducing and luring suitors to be considered for marriage.
- Take the third letter of a communal city founded in Calabria by Myscellus as an Achaean colony in 710 BC.

Unscramble the resulting letters to find the name of a Roman usurper!

Please e-mail your answer to [editor@massjcl.org](mailto:editor@massjcl.org) after December 15th. The first student with a correct answer will receive a \$10 iTunes card.

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars, Mass JCLers!

There are many exciting events coming up this spring.

**December 10:** AMSA Certamen Tournament

**January 28:** Boston Latin Academy Certamen

**February 11:** Boston Latin School Certamen

**February 25:** Snowball Semiformal at John Hancock Hotel and Conference Center

**March 3:** SCL Certamen at Boston University

**March TBA:** Lunenburg Certamen Tournament

**April TBA:** Harvard Certamen Tournament

**April 27-29:** Mass JCL State Convention at Barnstable High School

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