

PROJECT: I HAD A LATIN MOMENT!

Each quarter, students will be required to bring in three “Latin Moments.” We will display many of these Latin Moments in our classroom.

What is a “Latin Moment”? With a little bit of looking, you will find that Latin and the Classics (the study of ancient Greece and Rome) surround us everywhere!

For example:

- * There is a software program called “Amicus Attorney” for lawyers. *Amicus* is the Latin word for friend. Seeing and clipping out an ad for “Amicus Attorney” would count as a Latin Moment!
- * The FTD Florist Company uses Mercury, the ancient Roman messenger god, as its symbol. Seeing and clipping out an ad for the FTD Florists that showed the Mercury symbol would count as a Latin Moment! Even the car company, Mercury, is a Latin Moment waiting to happen!
- * You might read the morning’s newspaper and see a Latin abbreviation, such as “e.g.” which stands for *exempli gratia* and means “for example.” Seeing and clipping out the instance of this abbreviation, as well as some other sentences around it for context, would count as a Latin Moment!
- * In science class, your teacher might refer to the scientific name of a specific plant or animal. Of course, the scientific name is in Latin! Fill out an “I Had a Latin Moment!” sheet and turn it in – this counts as a Latin Moment!
- * You might be watching television and see a commercial for a contest called “Coolus Cashus Maximus.” The people in the commercial are wearing gladiator outfits. Fill out an “I Had a Latin Moment!” sheet, because you’ve just had a Latin Moment!

If you have any questions about whether something is or is not a Latin Moment, please ask.

Please remember, you must bring in three Latin Moments per quarter! Students who bring in three will receive a 100% grade in the project category, two Latin Moments will earn a 66%, one Latin Moment a 33%, and zero Latin Moments a 0%. Students who bring in more than three Latin Moments per quarter cannot receive extra credit for those extra moments, although they may apply those Moments towards future quarters.

EACH QUARTER’S LATIN MOMENTS ARE DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE QUARTER!