



LATIN AND GREEK ROOT WORDS

1st Quarter

Diversity and Acceptance of Self and Others

The following root words will be included on the 1st Semester EOC. Root words were selected to connect to the theme for the quarter. (G) or (L) denotes Greek or Latin origin.

<i>ESSENTIAL LIST</i>		
ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
path (G)	feeling, suffering	pathos, sympathy, antipathy, empathy, telepathy,
init (L)	beginning	initial, initiation
mem (L)	mind, remember	memory, memo, commemoration, memento, memoir, memorable
sta/stat (L)	stand	statue, static, statutory, stagnant,
auto (G)	self	autobiography, automobile, automatic, autograph, autopilot,
logo (G)	word, reason, study	zoology, psychology, prologue, epilogue, dialogue, catalogue, logorrhea, logic
para (G)	beside	paraphrase, paralegal, paragraph, parallel
sign (L)	mark	signature, signal, design, insignia
flec (L)	flex or bend	flexible, flexor, reflect, deflect, reflex, inflexibility
junct (L)	join	junction, conjunction, conjunct

<i>EXTENDED LIST</i>		
ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
imag (L)	likeness	image, imagery
cede, ceed (L)	move, go, yield	proceed, precede, succeed
sol (L)	alone	desolute, solitary
vol (L)	will, wish	malevolent, benevolent
var (L)	different	variety, vary

2nd Quarter

Searching for New Literary Voices

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ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORD
ques (L)	ask, seek	question, questionnaire, request, quest, questionable, inquest
ped (L) pod (G)	foot	pedal, impede, pedestal, pedestrian, centipede, tripod, podiatry, antipodes
phon (G)	sound	phonograph, phonetic, symphony,
fac (L)	do, make	factory, manufacture, faculty, amplification, facsimile, factor
miss (L)	send	remission, permission, remiss, admission, missile, mission
ambi/amphi (L)	both	amphibious, ambidextrous, ambiguous, amphibian
cogn (L)	know	cognition, recognition, cogniscent, recognize, metacognition, incognito
gram (G)	letter	grammar, grammatical, telegram, grammarian
narr (L)	to tell	narrate, narrative, narration,
scribe (L)	write	manuscript, scribble, inscribe, describe, subscribe, prescribe

<i>EXTENDED LIST</i>		
ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
mens, ment (L)	mind	demented, mental
script (L)	write	manuscript, transcript
vac (L)	empty	vacate, evacuate, vacant
brev (L)	short	abbreviate, brevity
clar (L)	clear	clarity, declare, clarify

3rd Quarter

Society, Culture, and History Influence Personal Choices

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ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORD
poli (G)	city	metropolis, politics, police, Acropolis, Indianapolis,
jur, jus, jud (L)	law	judge, justice, conjure, jurisdiction, jury juror, judicial, prejudice, judicious,
crat (G)	rule, strength	bureaucrat, Socratic, democrat, autocracy, democratic
dem (G)	people	democrat, demography, democracy, epidemic
liber (L)	free	liberate, liberty, liberal, liberation, liberalize, deliverance
gen (G)	birth, race, produce	genesis, genetics, genealogy, progeny, generate, indigenous, congenital, genetic
cred (L)	believe	creed, credence, credit, credulous, credentials, incredible, credible
trac, tract (L)	pull	tractor, traction, abstract, subtract, retract, detract, protractor,
syn (G)	together	synthesis, synagogue, synonym,
belli (L)	war	rebellion, belligerent, bellicose

<i>EXTENDED LIST</i>		
ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
man (L)	hand	manipulate, manicure,
urb (L)	city	suburb, urban
pop (L)	people	population, popular
fug (L)	flee	fugitive, refuge
ver (L)	truth	verdict, veracity

4th Quarter

Knowledge Prepares Us for Exploring and Surviving Our Unknown Future

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ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
terr (L)	earth, land	territory, terrestrial, terrain, terrarium, territorial, terrace
luc, lum (L)	light	lucid, illumine, luminous, lumen, luminary, translucent
mar (L)	sea	submarine, mariner, marine, marsh, maritime
volv (L)	roll	involve, revolve, revolution, evolve
aster (G)	star	aster, asterisk, asteroid, astrology, astronaut, astronomy
hydr (G)	water	dehydrate, hydrant, hydraulic, hydraulics hydrogen, hydrophobia
mech (G)	machine	mechanize, mechanic, mechanical, telescope, microscope, kaleidoscope, periscope, stethoscope
scop, scope (G)	see, watch	erupt, eruption, rupture, abrupt, disrupt, incorruptible
rupt (L)	break	conscience, science, conscious, omniscient
sci (L)	know	

<i>EXTENDED LIST</i>		
ROOT WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE WORDS
aero (G)	air	aerobics, aerodynamic
photo, phos (G)	light	photograph, telephoto
phys (G)	nature	physical, physician
vag (L)	wander	vagrant, vague
turb(L)	confusion	disturb, turbulence

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