

LatinSummer at UMass 2006

Week II Family Discussion Questions

Day 1

1. Introduce yourself to your family in Latin, and share your bulla and Roman name with them.
2. Tell your family about being an archaeologist today. What is hard? Do you think you would want to be an archaeologist—why or why not?
3. Explain the story of Midas to your family. What is the moral behind the story?

Day 2

1. Tell your family members the Latin terms for what type of family member they are—can you think of English words that come from these terms?
2. Use your family book to teach your family some Latin verbs—try to play Verbs charades!
3. Explain to your family about the fact that the ancient Romans had slaves. How was this similar to or different from the slavery in America's history?

Day 3

1. Teach your family the terms for the body parts in Latin. Why do you think so many English words for the body parts come from these terms?
2. Explain your standard to your family. What do you think it would have been like to be a Roman soldier? Why do you think standards were so important to the Roman army?

Day 4

1. Share your picture book with your family—see if they can guess what the Latin sentences mean. Did you use any Latin words that seem similar to English?
2. Tell your family about the Latin terms for animals. Can you think of any place where we still use these terms today (hint: think of the sky!)? Why might this be? Explain to your family some English words that come from Latin terms for the animals.
3. Point out various items in your home or neighborhood and describe the colors of those items to your family, using the Latin terms for the colors.
4. Tell your family the story of Pegasus.

Remember to bring a king-sized pillowcase tomorrow!

Day 5

1. Explain to your family the different rooms in a Roman bath and what you would do in them. Do we have places like a Roman bath today?
2. Discuss the Roman banquet with your family—how is it like our meals today? How is it different? Do you think you would have liked to be at a Roman banquet—why or why not? What types of foods were important to the Romans?
3. If you know the Latin terms for any of the foods that you are having for breakfast, lunch, or dinner this weekend, share those terms with your family.