

Unit 03: Aeneas and Queen Dido of Carthage - Aeneid Book IV

Content Area: **World Languages**
Course(s): **Latin IV H**
Time Period: **Semester 2**
Length: **9**
Status: **Published**

Unit Introduction

Analysis of Latin epic poetry and meter

Analysis of Vergil's incorporation of Carthage and Dido into the story of Aeneas

Vergil's Aeneid Book IV - Lines 160-218, 259-361 and 659-705

Students will gain a basic understanding of:

- Dido and Aeneas in and out of love
- Ancient Marriage
- The Roman attitude towards Carthage and the Dido episode as propaganda
- Book IV of the Aeneid (Latin portions)

English Readings include:

- Vergil - Aeneid - Books IX-XII (conclusion)

Standards:

FL.9-12.7.1.IM.A.1	Compare and contrast information contained in culturally authentic materials using electronic information sources related to targeted themes.
FL.9-12.7.1.IM.A.8	Use knowledge of structures of the target language to deduce meaning of new and unfamiliar structures.
FL.9-12.7.1.IM.A.A.1	Identify the main idea and some supporting details when reading.
FL.9-12.7.1.IM.A.A.3	Infer the meaning of some unfamiliar words when used in familiar contexts.
FL.9-12.7.1.IM.C.4	Synthesize information found in age- and level-appropriate culturally authentic materials.
FL.9-12.7.1.IM.C.5	Compare the cultural perspectives of the target culture(s) with those of one's own culture, as evidenced through the cultural products and cultural practices associated with each.
FL.K-12.7.1.A-C.d	When does accuracy matter?
FL.K-12.7.1.A-C.e	How does the content of the world languages classroom help me understand who I am and the world in which I live?
FL.K-12.7.2.A-C.1	Language reflects and is influenced by the culture in which it is found.
FL.K-12.7.2.A-C.a	How is language a product of culture?

Essential Questions

- Who was Dido?
- How does Aeneas arrive at Carthage?
- How do Aeneas and Dido fall in love?
- Do Aeneas and Dido officially marry?
- Why does Aeneas leave Dido?
- What does Dido do when Aeneas leaves?
- What is the special relationship historically between Rome and Carthage?
- What happens in books IX through XII of the Aeneid?

Content/Skills

Content:

- Aeneas and Dido in love
- Aeneas and Dido's "marriage"
- Aeneas leaving Dido
- The suicide of Dido and her curse on Rome
- The gods and Aeneas' mission
- Mercury, Jupiter and Juno in the Aeneid
- The Punic Wars and the Aeneid Book IV as historical propaganda
- The War in Italy, Turnus, the conclusion of the Aeneid
- The Aeneid as Augustan propaganda
- Is Vergil subversive in his conclusion to the Aeneid?

Resources:

- Barbara Boyd, *Aeneid: Selected Readings from Books 1, 2, 4 and 6*
- Katherine Bradley and Barbara Boyd, *A Vergil Workbook*
- Robert Fagles, *The Aeneid*