



University of Maryland Certamen

Prepare your hyper-buzzing activities, get emotionally ready for the Aurelia Passage, fill your noggin with 2,777 facts about (Gaius Julius) Caesar... Welcome to the first Certamen of the 2024-2025 Year!

Whether you'll be competing in Certamen, writing a ghost story, entering a costume contest, or taking a campus tour, I wish you a very **laeta** event!

Quote of the Month:

"Nam et secundas res splendidiore facit amicitia et adversas partiens communicansque leviores."

"For friendship adds a brighter radiance to prosperity and lessens the burden of adversity by dividing and sharing it."

-Cicero

Missed the
September
Torch? Check it
out here!



WALTERS SCAVENGER HUNT 2024

Winners:

*Mia (Easton High School),
Vivien (Bryn Mawr School),
Atticus (The Country School)*

(Tentative) Schedule

10:00-10:30 Registration in Marie Mount Hall
1400 and Atrium

10:30-11:00 Introduction and Icebreaker

11:00-12:15 Certamen in Francis Scott Key | Ghost Story Workshop
(Talia Chicherio)

12:15-12:45 Lunch in Marie Mount Hall Atrium

1:00-2:00 Costume contest on McKeldin Mall | Spooky Workshop with
Professor Osorio

2:00-2:30 Awards and Farewell in Marie
Mount 1400

2:30-3:00 Optional tour of campus led by
Classics students

2023 U.M.D. Certamen Winners

NOVICE

1st: The Country
School A

2nd: Key School

3rd: The Country
School B

INTERMEDIATE

1st: Gilman

2nd: Key School

ADVANCED

1st: Flint Hill
(Virginia)

2nd: Eleanor
Roosevelt High
School

3rd: Gilman

ACTIVITY CORNER

Find 16 Ablative Cases Uses!

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T	N	E	M	U	R	T	S	N	I	N	I	T	A	3.
P	O	B	J	E	C	T	T	N	N	E	H	T	C	4.
N	O	S	I	R	A	P	M	O	C	M	W	H	E	5.
C	A	U	S	E	P	B	E	W	L	I	M	N	W	6.
C	E	T	P	N	P	T	B	E	A	N	O	E	H	7.
H	H	P	M	E	A	N	S	E	O	A	R	H	E	8.
C	A	N	C	H	A	A	N	U	N	P	F	W	R	9.
N	O	I	T	A	R	A	P	E	S	M	E	E	E	10.
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P	S	E	A	O	A	O	W	W	E	C	A	I	I	12.
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Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/7603305/>

Troy Ambience Spotify Playlist



(Absolutely Brilliant) Halloween Costume Ideas

Individual

Trojan Horse*

- Horse Mask
- Some planks of wood
- Chains of hemp around the neck
- General aura of misfortune

**Works best if wearer is pregnant*

Medusa

- Just a ton of those rubber snakes
(Bonus: You can reuse them for a future Laocoon costume!)
- A stone version of the last person you looked at

Group

P.A.I.N. Nouns

- Poet
- Farmer
- Inhabitant
- Sailor

Assassination of Caesar, 44 B.C.E.

- One person: Salad
- Everybody else: Just a bunch of daggers



Augustus ushers in a time of relative peace for Rome after several years of civil war known as the 'Pax Romana'

Marriage reforms



Submitted by Bani Gourab
(Bryn Mawr School)

'Felicem Diem Natalem, Roma'

Roma antiqua, you gave me a smile.
 Ut Narcissus se videt for a long while.
 In speculum specto et see it's worthwhile
 Roma antiqua, you gave me a smile.

Roma antiqua, you taught me to shine.
 Velut Phoebus ipse est in the sky.
 Soaring and streaking per caelum on high
 Roma antiqua, you taught me to shine.

Roma antiqua, you gave me a home.
 Ubi possum explorare et roam.
 Cum hominibus qui tunc call my bros
 Roma antiqua, you gave me a home.

Roma antiqua, you taught me to fight.
 Cum mente et corpore with all my might.
 Semper me licet to see all your light.
 Roma antiqua, you taught me to fight.

Roma antiqua, you gave me a goal.
 To Certamine and to be on a roll.
 To connect with amicibus, sed quoque foes
 Roma antiqua, you gave me a goal.

Roma antiqua, you taught me to learn.
 In core meo amor for classics burns.
 Ad conventionem 1 yearn to return.
 Roma antiqua, you taught me to learn.

By Johanna Pitts (Bryn Mawr School)
 April 21st, 2024

NATIONAL J.C.L. HIGHLIGHT

Covocatio

November 3rd, 6:00 P.M. E.S.T.

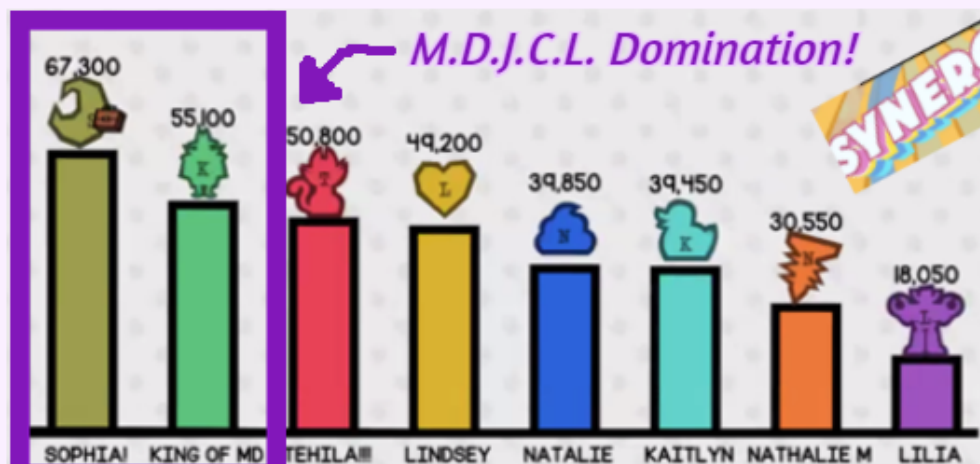
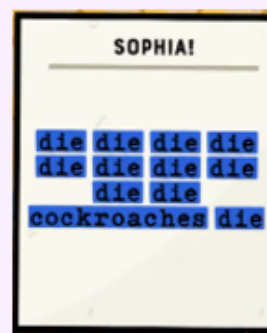
Convocatio is an annual virtual game night held by the National J.C.L.!

It's a great way to meet people from other states, and is just a ton of fun overall!

Register for it using the Q.R. Code, or on the Linktree in the Bio of the National J.C.L.'s Instagram (@NationalJCL)!



Highlights from Last Year!



SATURNALIA CERTAMEN

December 7, 2024

•Role Reversal: Teacher Certamen!

**The virtual National J.C.L. event Convocatio will take place on November 3rd! Check the Contest Highlight Section on Page VII for more information!*

Saturnalia Fast Facts

- December 17-23, 2024.
- Roman festival that honored Saturn, the god of agriculture.
- Overturning of societal norms: Societal roles were reversed and gambling was permitted.
- Elected a "King of Saturnalia," who presided over the celebrations and gave orders to people.

COMING UP!

Gilman Certamen: 2-1-2025

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McLean Event: 3-1-2025

2023 Throwback Corner

2023 Costume Contest
Winners!

Theme: "Constellations"!



Have something to share in
Throwback Corners for future
events? Submit testimonials and
photos to the Torch (Q.R. Code on
the last page)!



Got something to share? Submit to the Torch here!



Are you a leader of your school's chapter? Fill out this form so that the MD.J.C.L. Officers can contact you!



Latin lesson plans students can use to help engage younger students in the classics!

