

Latin Literary First Lines
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- Augustus, Res Gestae
Annōs undēvīgintī nātus exercitum privatō cōnsiliō et private impēnsā compārāvī
- Catullus, Carmina
Cui donō lepidum novum labellum?
- Cicero, First Oration Against Catiline
Quōusque tandem abūtēre, Catilīna, pātientiā nostrā?
- Cicero, Second Oration Against Catiline
Tandem aliquandō, Quirītēs, Lucium Catilīnam furentem audāciā
- Cicero, Third Oration Against Catiline
Quirītēs, vidētis rem publicam vitamque vestrum omnium
- Cicero, Fourth Oration Against Catiline
Conscriptī patrēs, videō ōra atque oculōs vestrum omnium esse conversōs in mē
- Cicero, Pro Caeliō
Sī quis iudicēs forte nunc adsit ignārus legume iudiciōrum
- Horace, Ars Poetica
Hūmānō capitī cervicem pictor equīnam iungere sī velit
- Horace, Carmen Saeculare
Phoebe silvārumque potēns Diāna
- Horace, Epistulae
Prima dicte mihi summa dicende Camēna
- Horace, Epodes
Ibis Liburnis inter alta nāvium
- Horace, Odes
Maecēnās atavīs, ēdite rēgibus
- Horace, Satires (Latin title: Sermones)
Quī fit, Maecēnās, ut nēmō
- Juvenal, Satires (Latin title: Saturae)
Semper ego audītor tantum?
- Livy, Ab Urbe Condita
Iam primum omnium satis constat, Troiā captā in cēterōs saevitum esse Troiānōs
- Lucilius, Saturae
Aetheris et terrae genitābile quaerere tempus
- Lucretius, Dē Rērum Natūrā
Aeneadam genetrix, hominum dīvumque voluptās
- Martial, Epigrammata
Barbara pyramidum silent mirācula Memphis
- Ovid, Amores
Arma gravī numerō violentaque bella parābam ēdere
- Ovid, Ars Amatoria
Sī quis in hōc artem populō nōn nōvit amandī
- Ovid, Medicamina Faciēi
Discite quae faciem commendat cura, puellae
- Ovid, Remedia Amoris
Lēgerat huius Amor titulum nōmenque libellī

Petronius, Cena Trimalchionis

Vēnerat iam tertius diēs, id est expectation līberae cēnae

Petronius, Satyricon

Num aliō genere furiārum dēclāmātōrēs inquietantur

Plautus, Captivī

Hōs quōs vidētis stāre hīc captīvōs duos

Propertius, Monobiblos

Cynthia p̄rīma suīs miserum mē cēpit ocellīs

Sallust, Catilina

Omnēs hominēs quī sēsē student praestāre cēterīs animālibus

Seneca, Apocolocyntosis

Quid actum sit in caelō ante diem III Idūs Octobrīs annō novo

Statius, Silvae

Diū multumque dubitāvī, Stella

Statius, Thebais

Fraternās aciēs alternaque regna profanes dēcertāta odiīs

Tacitus, Agricola

Clārōrum virōrum facta morēsque posterīs tradere

Tacitus, Annales

Urbem Rōmam ā principiō rēgēs habuēre

Tacitus, Germania

Germānia omnis ā Gallīs Raetīsque et Pannoniīs Rhēnō et Danuviō fluminibus

Tibullus

Dīvitiās alius fulvō sibi congerat aurō

Valerius Flaccus, Argonautica

P̄rīma deum magnīs canimus freta pervia nātīs fātodicamque ratem

Vergil, Aeneid

Arma virumque canō, Troiae quī p̄rīmus ab orīs

Vergil, Eclogues (Eclogae)

Tityre, tū patulae recubāns sub tegmine fāgī

Vergil, Georgics (Georgica)

Qui faciat laetās segetēs, quō sīdere terram vertere, Maecēnās