

## Tasks relating to the project topic "Common Linguistic Roots - Tracing Latin"

### 1. Latin Inscriptions in Santa Croce (Florence) and Their Historical Significance

- **Activity:** Create a catalogue of the Latin inscriptions on the tombs of famous figures like Dante, Michelangelo, Galileo etc. found in Santa Croce, translating them and researching the historical figures and their historical context.
- **Presentation:** Create a video tour of Santa Croce, featuring close-ups of Latin inscriptions, with students (perhaps acting as tour guides) narrating their meanings and historical context.
  - or: Students could dress up as these historical figures and give short speeches in Italian, German, English or simple Latin, explaining their lives in their historical context and the role of Latin for their work.

## 2. Latin words in Florence and Pistoia

- **Activity:** Create a list of latin words and phrases found during the trip to Prato, Florence and/or Pistoia, and find out their Italian, German and English significance (e.g. universitas -> Universität, università, university). If a modern translation is not similar to the latin word, find out, whether there is a foreign word in German which means the same. Present the words with their Latin origin, meaning, and how they evolved in meaning and writing.
- **Presentation:** Create a "language exchange" simulation in a medieval classroom, where Italian, German and English students take the roles of ancient scholars (it. scholaro) teaching each other Latin words and tracing their transformations in meaning and writing into the modern language.  
- or: Create a stop motion video to present the Latin word tracing their transformations in meaning and writing into the modern language

### 3. The Role of Latin in Renaissance for ancient scholars

- **Activity:** Investigate the central role of Latin in Renaissance in the region of Florence, focusing on the latin works of Galileo, Dante, Machiavelli and/or Petrarca.
- **Presentation:** Create a podcast, where students take on the roles of Renaissance scholars like Dante etc. that present the content of their Latin works and explain, why they wrote it in Latin.

#### 4. The Evolution of Latin Script in Italy and Germany

- **Activity:** Trace the development of Latin writing from classical to medieval scripts, and compare how these styles evolved differently in Italy and Germany (e.g. Carolingian Minuscule vs. Humanist Script).
- **Creative Presentation:** Create a "calligraphy tutorial" where students demonstrate different Latin scripts. The other students can participate in writing their names or texts or latin quotes in various historical styles.

## 5. The Influence of Latin in Medieval Life

- **Activity:** Analyse the influence of Latin during the Middle Ages in Prato and Florence (and/or Pistoia), focusing on the use of Latin in religion, law, and literature.
- **Presentation:** Design a medieval town map with key institutions and inscriptions written in Latin, Italian, and German. Each location (church, library, law court) could have a QR code linking to an audio explanation.

## 6. Latin Influence on Scientific Terminology: From Galileo to Modern Science

- **Activity:** Examine the role of Latin in the scientific discoveries of figures like Galileo and how scientific terms in Latin persist in both Italian and German.
- **Presentation:** Produce a science lesson, in which you present a specific scientific term (e.g. "gravity", "orbit") with its Latin origin, alongside an experiment demonstrating the scientific discovery. Explain the connections in both languages.

## 7. Latin Phrases and Mottos in Santa Croce (Florence)

- **Activity:** Find simple Latin phrases or mottos inscribed in Santa Croce, that do not appear on the tombs of famous persons. Take photos of those phrases in Santa Croce, translate them with guidance, and create a display or booklet with the phrases, their meanings and historical or religious contexts and where they can be found in the basilica.
- **Presentation:** Create a video tour of Santa Croce, featuring close-ups of Latin inscriptions, with students narrating their meanings and contexts.

## 8. Latin in Names: Exploring the Italian place names and building names

- **Activity:** Investigate how Latin influenced Italian place names and building names in Prato, Florence and/or Pistoia. Research the origins of place names (like "Florentia" for Florence) and local building names, and create a map or chart showing how these names are derived from Latin.
- **Presentation:** Create a video tour through Prato, Florence and/or Pistoia showing places and buildings with their latin names (like a medieval town tour), with students narrating, how the names developed from latin to Italian.