Mission:
The goal of the Certamen Starter Kit is to provide students and teachers with the structure and materials to start a team or become more competitive. The starter kit is built around a six-week syllabus and corresponding study materials, which are generally thought to be most commonly referenced in competition. The provided questions, while drawing on more detailed information for certain clues, are all answerable based on the material covered in each week of the syllabus. In addition, the "buzz" words in each question are marked in order to help understand the speed of the game.

Syllabus:
The syllabus was created to provide a systematic structure ensuring that students can learn the fundamental concepts and information to become competitive in Certamen. The syllabus is not divided by level, but rather provides a baseline level of content knowledge to score consistently at any of the three levels of NJCL Certamen. To supplement without overstepping instruction that occurs in teachers' classes, all grammar topics are left uncovered. While the syllabus is structured for 6 weeks of preparation, it can be expanded or contracted however you see fit.

Study Materials:
The study materials provided are NOT completely comprehensive and only cover a limited scope of the quizzable information in Certamen. These materials were compiled based on recurring patterns in questions and should provide students with the fundamentals to begin to experience Certamen success. However, for students wishing to compete at the highest levels there is no substitute for reading through the recommended sources in the list provided and taking their own detailed notes. For further reading consult this list of Recommended Certamen Sources.

Questions:
The questions are in excel format so that they will be easy to manipulate. You have the option to either read the questions by category, or to mix multiple categories into one page to simulate a more authentic flow of a Certamen round. For best results always randomize the order of the questions before reading.

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***To access any of the materials listed, just click on the embedded blue hyperlink and create a copy of each doc for yourself.**

STUDY MATERIALS:

Mythology	MYTHOLOGY SUMMARY MORFORD MYTHOLOGY OUTLINE MORFORD MYTHOLOGY STUDY QUESTIONS

Roman History	ROMAN HISTORY OUTLINE ROMAN HISTORY STUDY QUESTIONS
Latin Literature	LATIN LITERATURE OUTLINE LATIN LITERATURE STUDY QUESTIONS
Culture	ROMAN LIFE LISTS
PMAQ	PMAQ LISTS
Derivatives	OBSCURE DERIVATIVES LIST

6 WEEK SYLLABI:

Week 1

- Mythology: Sections I-III (p. 1)
- History: Monarchy p.1-3
- Literature: Early Latin Literature (p.1-3)
- Culture: Families / Names / Marriage (p. 1)
- PMAQ: University Mottos (p.1)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives A-B (p.1)

Week 2

- Mythology: Sections IV-V (p. 2)
- History: Early Republic (p.4-9)
- Literature: Late Republican Literature (p.4-6)
- Culture: Children & Education / Dependents / House & Family (p. 2)
- PMAQ: Other Mottos (p.2)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives C-D (p.1-3)

Week 3

- Mythology: Sections VI - Heracles & Perseus (p. 3)
- History: Late Republic (p.10-14)
- Literature: Golden Age (p.7-9)
- Culture: Dress & Personal Ornaments / Food & Meals (p. 3)
- PMAQ: Abbreviations (p.3)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives E-I (p.3-4)

Week 4

- Mythology: Sections VI - Theseus & Meleager (p. 4)
- History: Julio-Claudian Emperors (p.15-16)
- Literature: Silver Age (p.10-12)

- Culture: Amusements / Gladiators (p. 4)
- PMAQ: Abbreviations & Phrases (p.4)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives L-M (p.4-5)

Week 5

- Mythology: Sections VI - Bellerophon & 7 Against Thebes (p. 5)
- History: Year of the Four Emperors / Flavian Emperors / Five Good Emperors p.17-18
- Literature: Later Literature (p.13)
- Culture: Republican Government / Sources of Income / Burial & Funerals (p. 5)
- PMAQ: Phrases (p.5)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives N-Q (p.5-7)

Week 6

- Mythology: Sections VII-X (p. 6)
- History: Decline of the Roman Empire p.18-20
- Literature: Global Review (All Periods)
- Culture: Roman Religion / Holidays & Festivals (p. 6)
- PMAQ: Quotations (p.6)
- Derivatives: Obscure Derivatives R-V (p.7-9)

PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

WEEK 1 SYLLABUS QUESTIONS
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WEEK 3 SYLLABUS QUESTIONS
WEEK 4 SYLLABUS QUESTIONS
WEEK 5 SYLLABUS QUESTIONS
WEEK 6 SYLLABUS QUESTIONS

OTHER RESOURCES:

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE ROUNDS
QUESTION WRITING GUIDE
CERTAMEN QUESTION GENERATOR DOC