



*Literacy and Intervention*

## MASSACHUSETTS STATE STANDARDS

# VOCABULARY FROM CLASSICAL ROOTS

**Strategic Vocabulary Instruction through  
Greek and Latin Roots**

Grades 4–11

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## Vocabulary From Classical Roots to MA Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Framework

<b>Massachusetts Academic Standards for grades 7-8</b>
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### Corresponds to Vocabulary From Classical Roots Books A and B

#### GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development

*Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.*

#### **GRADES 7-8**

4.20 Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words using **context** clues (*contrast, cause and effect*).

VCR A General Vocab. Exercises	7-8,12-13,20-21,24-25,30-32,35-36,41-43,45-47,56-57,61-63,68-69,73-74,81-82, 85-87,92-93,97-98
VCR B General Vocab. Exercises	7-9,12-15,20-22,26-27,32-34,38-40,45-47,50-52,61-62,65-67,68,73-74,77-80,84-86, 88-91,95-96,100-103

#### GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development

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#### **GRADES 7-8**

4.21 Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words by using knowledge of common **Greek and Latin** roots, suffixes, and prefixes.

VCR A Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	3-6,9-12,16-19,21-23,27-30,32-34,38-40,43-45,52-55,58-60,65-68, 70- 73, 77-80,82-85,89-92,94-96
VCR B Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	4-6,9-11,17-19,23-25,29-31,35-37,42-45,47-49,58-60,63-65,69-72,74-77, 81-84,86-88,92-94,97-99

GENERAL STANDARD 20: Consideration of Audience and Purpose  
*Students will write for different audiences and purposes.*

**GRADES 7–8**

20.4 Select and use appropriate rhetorical techniques for a variety of purposes, such as to convince or entertain the reader.

VCR A Writing and Discussion Activities	15,26,37,48,64,76,88,99
VCR B Writing and Discussion Activities	16,28,41,52-53,68,80,91,103

**Massachusetts Academic Standards for grades 9-10**

**Corresponds to Vocabulary From Classical Roots Books C and D**

GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development

*Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.*

**GRADES 9-10**

4.24 Use knowledge of **Greek, Latin**, and Norse mythology, the Bible, and other works often alluded to in British and American literature to understand the meanings of new words.

VCR C Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	3-7,10-12,17-20,23-26,32-35,38-40,45-48,50-53,62-65,68-71,76-80,83-86, 91-95,98-101,107-110,113-116
VCR D Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	4-6,10-14,20-24,28-32,38-42,47-50,56-60,64-67,78-82,86-90,97-101,106-109

GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English

*Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.*

**GRADES 9-10**

5.29 Describe the **origins** and meanings of common words and foreign words or phrases used frequently in written English, and show their relationship to historical events or developments (*glasnost, coup d'état*).

VCR C Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	3-7,10-12,17-20,23-26,32-35,38-40,45-48,50-53,62-65,68-71,76-80,83-86, 91-95,98-101,107-110,113-116
VCR D	4-6,10-14,20-24,28-32,38-42,47-50,56-60,64-67,78-82,86-90,97-101,106-109

Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	
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GENERAL STANDARD 20: Consideration of Audience and Purpose

*Students will write for different audiences and purposes.*

**GRADES 9–10**

20.5 Use different levels of formality, style, and tone when **composing** for different audiences.

VCR C Writing and Discussion Activities	16,30-31,44,57-58,75,90,106,121
VCR D Writing and Discussion Activities	19,37,55,73,96

<b>Massachusetts Academic Standards for grades 11-12</b>
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**Corresponds to Vocabulary From Classical Roots Book E**

GENERAL STANDARD 4: Vocabulary and Concept Development

*Students will understand and acquire new vocabulary and use it correctly in reading and writing.*

**GRADES 11-12**

4.27 Use general dictionaries, specialized dictionaries, thesauruses, histories of language, books of quotations, and other related references as needed.

VCR E Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	2-5,9-14,20-25,29-33,39-43,47-52,59-63,68-72,78-83,88-92,99-103,107-111, 117-121,125-128,134-137,141-144
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GENERAL STANDARD 5: Structure and Origins of Modern English

*Students will analyze standard English grammar and usage and recognize how its vocabulary has developed and been influenced by other languages.*

**GRADES 11-12**

5.33 Analyze and explain how the English language has developed and been **influenced by other languages.**

VCR E Glossary/Greek and Latin Roots	2-5,9-14,20-25,29-33,39-43,47-52,59-63,68-72,78-83,88-92,99-103,107-111, 117-121,125-128,134-137,141-144
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GENERAL STANDARD 20: Consideration of Audience and Purpose

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**GRADES 11–12**

20.6 Use effective rhetorical techniques and demonstrate understanding of purpose, speaker, audience, and form when completing expressive, persuasive, or literary **writing assignments**.

VCR E Writing and Discussion Activities	19,38,58,77,98,116,133,149
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