You Gotta Learn your Latin

Hadrian, Octavian, stoic vegetarian

Coliseum, athenaeum, alter ego

Tempis fugit, time flies, Modus operandi

Caveat emptor, that’s how it goes

Crassus, Pompey, Caesar, Democracy and empire

Charlton Heston, Ben Hur, City on the Tiber

Romulus and Remus, Vestal virgin priestess,

Plebe, Patrician, Senator, sixty liberators

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Francophone, anglophile, rockin’ Latin Gangnam style

Tabula rosa, ad nauseam

Lark’s tongue. Sweet treats. Understand the Pope’s tweets

Mea culpa, bona fide, carpe diem

Gladiators in Rome, horses in the hippodrome

Architecture, Greek math, naked in a hot bath

Pirates on the high seas, Antiochus Epiphanies

Scipio, Cato, Russell Crowe’s a hero

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Bridge:

Pices, Ares, Phylum, Genus, Species

Cave Canem, Dominus vobiscum

Habeas Corpus, in omnia paratus

Semper fidelis, O tempora O mores

Yada, yada, blah, blah, Ibid, sic, et cetera

E Pluribus Unum, Out of many, make one

Lead pipe, shaved head, we want circuses and bread

Cogito ergo sum, I’m a homo sapien

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Pontifex maximus, Roman roads and aqueducts

Constantine, Christian, Pompeii, Herculaneum

Toga party, slave trade, taxes that you must pay

Legionnaire, Praetorian, You’re a Roman citizen

Jupiter, World stage, Gibbon and the golden age

Horace, Ovid, Cicero, What else do you need to know?

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Violin, Hot town, Nero had a hoe down

Pax Romana, Fine wine, Occupation, Palestine

Claudius. Ad hoc. Dining on a peacock

Seven hills. Palatine. Hiking in the Apennines

Trajan’s bridge. Punic wars. One year with four emperors

Elephants. Blue men. Mercantile equestrian.

Vatican. Vulgate. Caligula. Dead weight.

Arches, sewers, Pantheon, how long will this song go on?

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