



JANUS

A student lead book club
exploring
contemporary literature with
classical themes

Janus, the Roman god of doorways, had two faces, one looking forward, the other looking back. As such, he provides an apt image for the goals of this reading group. Participants will select and read together texts by contemporary authors who adopt, in some way, classical exemplars. The Janus book club is open to anyone who wants to explore how our classical past continues to inform our understanding of our modern identity.

Quid Janus Legit? Spring 2010

Ad Infinitum: A Biography of Latin

by Nicholas Ostler

“The history of Latin is the history of the development of western Europe, right up to the point when Europe made its shattering impact on the rest of the world. In fact, only seen from the perspective of Latin does Europe really show itself as a single story: nothing else was there all the way through and involved in so many aspects, not Rome, not the Empire, not the Catholic Church, not even Christianity itself.”

January 20, 7:00 pm

Greeks Pizza

Come discuss it with us this January. We'll gather in the lobby of the Union, at 6:45, then drive down together. The discussion will be lead by Classics Major, Adelle Haneline.

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