

## Common European and Other Mottoes

**Fluctuat nec mergitur** – she is tossed but does not sink (Paris)  
**Esto Perpetua** – May she last forever (Venice)  
**Domine dirige nos** – Lord, direct us (London)  
**Dominus illuminatio mea** – The Lord, my light (Oxford University)  
**Crux unica spes** – The cross is the only hope (Notre Dame)  
**A.M.D.G.** – **Ad maiorem dei gloriam** – To the greater glory of God – The Jesuits  
**Artes, Vires, Mores**– The Arts, Strength, Character – FSU  
**F.D.** – **Fidei Defensor** – Defender of the Faith – Kings and Queens of England  
**Nemo me impune lacessit** – No one provokes me with impunity – Kings of Scotland  
**d.s.p. discessit sine prole** – he died without issue / offspring  
**Veritatem cognoscetis et vertias te liberabit** – You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free (University of Tennessee)  
**Urbs in horto** – A city in a garden – Chicago  
**imperium in imperio** – an empire in an empire (Ohio & the Antifederalists)

## Most Common Quotations

**Rident Stolidi Verba Latina** – Fools laugh at the Latin language – Ovid  
**Carpe diem quam minimum credula postero** – seize the day trusting as little as possible in the future – Horace  
**Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?** – Who will guard the guards themselves? – Juvenal  
**Rara avis** – a rare bird (something unique) – Juvenal  
**Cedant arma togae** – Let arms yield to the toga (Wyoming) – Cicero  
**Festina lente** – make haste slowly – Augustus  
**Ipsa scientia potestas est** – Knowledge itself is power – Francis Bacon  
**Ora et labora** – Work and pray – St. Benedict  
**Vae Victis** – Woe to the conquered – Brennus / Livy  
All of the Caesar quotes  
**Carthago delenda est** – Carthage must be destroyed - Cato the Elder  
All of the Catullus quotes  
**Cui bono** – to whose advantage? – Cicero  
**Aura popularis** – the popular breeze – Cicero  
**Cum tacent, clamant** – When they are silent, they shout – Cicero  
**Inhumanitas omni aevo molestas est** – Inhumanity is troubling in every age – Cicero  
**O Tempora, O mores!** – O the times! O the customs! – Cicero  
**Quo usque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra?** – For how long, Cataline, will you abuse our patience? – Cicero  
**Trahimur omnes laudis studio.** – We are all drawn by a desire for praise.  
**O Tite tute Tati tibi tanta, tyranne, tulisti!** – O Titus Tatus, you tyrant, you have brought so great things upon yourself! – Ennius  
**Ars longa, vita brevis** – Hippocrates / Seneca the Younger  
**Ab ovo usque ad mala.** – From the egg all the way to the apples (From soup to nuts / From beginning to end) – Horace

**Exegi monumentum aere perennius** – I have erected a monument more lasting than bronze. – Horace  
**Aurea mediocritas** – The golden mean – Horace  
**Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori** – It is sweet and becoming to die for one's country – Horace  
**nunc est bibendum** – Now is the time for drinking – Horace  
**Quid rides? De te fabula narratur.** What are you laughing at? The joke is on you. – Horace  
**Vitanda est improba siren desidia** – One must avoid the wicked siren, laziness – Horace  
**Mens sana in corpore sano** – A sound mind in a sound body – Juvenal  
**Panem et circenses** – bread and circus games – Juvenal  
**Qualis artifex pereo!** – What an artist dies with me! – Nero  
**Militat omnis amans et habet sua castra Cupido** – Every lover is a soldier, and Cupid has his own camp – Ovid  
**Satura tota nostra est** – Satire is completely ours – Quintilian  
**Gladiator in arena consilium capit** – The gladiator forms a plan in the arena – Seneca the Younger  
**Fallaces sunt rerum species** – The appearances of things are deceiving – Seneca the Younger  
**Non est ad astra mollis e terris via** – There is no easy way from the earth to the stars – Seneca the Younger  
**Timendi causa est nescire** – Ignorance is the cause of fear – Seneca the Younger  
**Etiam capillus unus habet umbram** – Even one hair has a shadow – Publilius Syrus  
**Dictum sapienti sat est** – a word to the wise is sufficient – Terence  
**Homo sum: humani nihil a me alienum puto** – I am a man: I consider nothing human as alien to me – Terence  
**Quot homines tot sententiae** – So many men, so many opinions – Terence  
**Fortes fortuna adiuvat** – Fortune favors the bold – Terence / Vergil  
**Diem perdi** – I have wasted a day – Titus  
**Vae puto deus fio** – Alas, I think I am becoming a god – Vespasian  
**Annuit coeptis** – He (God) has favored our undertakings – Vergil  
**Novus ordo saeculorum** – a new order of the ages – Vergil  
**Arma virumque cano** – I sing of arms and a man – Vergil  
**Dux femina facti** – the leader of the dead was a woman – Vergil (about Dido)  
**Aspirat primo fortuna labori** – May fortune smile upon a first attempt – Vergil  
**Felix qui potuit rerum cognoscere causas** – Happy is he who can know the causes of things – Vergil  
**Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit** – Perhaps one day it will please you to remember even these things – Vergil  
**Latet anguis in herba** – A snake lies in the grass - Vergil  
**Tantae molis erat Romanam condere gentem** – It was so great an effort to found the Roman race – Vergil  
**amor omnia vincit** – love conquers all – Vergil

