Seize the Day!

Read the clues. The Latin root is hidden within the clues. Look for the word parts that are the same in the boldface words.

1. Latin root for beginning. The origin of a river might be a spring high up in the mountains. An original story is completely new, not copied or based on something else. The first or native people of a place are aboriginal tribes.

   Latin root for beginning: ___ ___ ___ ___

2. Latin root for no. A negative answer to a question is “no.” To reneg on a promise is to go back on your word and not do what you promised to do. A renegade is someone who chooses not to follow the laws and customs of a group or society.

   Latin root for no: ___ ___ ___

3. Latin root for small or less. The minimum is the least amount. A minor is a person younger than 18 and not considered an adult. Minus is the mathematical operation of taking away, resulting in less. To minimize is to reduce or make smaller.

   Latin root for small or less: ___ ___ ___

4. Latin root for order. Soldiers follow the commands of their officers. To demand is to order someone to do something. Something that is mandatory is something that must be done.

   Latin root for order: ___ ___ ___ ___

5. Latin root for give. To contribute is to give of your time or money to a cause or effort. To distribute is to give to others something they need. A tributary is a river that flows into or gives its water, to a larger river.

   Latin root for give: ___ ___ ___ ___

**BONUS** Write the numbered letters in the spaces below to spell out the Latin maxim that means “seize the day.”

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What does this maxim mean to you?
Cloze Call

Write the root that completes the unfinished word in each sentence.

1. His _______ative attitude made him no fun to be with.
2. The ab________inal people were forced off their lands.
3. The President of the United State is the Com_________er in Chief.
4. Each class con________ed crafts they made for the fundraiser.
5. Only a small __________ority of the class didn’t want to go on the trip.

Use an answer from above in a sentence of your own.
Underline the word with the root in your sentence.

Draw a picture for your sentence to help remind you of the word’s meaning.
Word Search: Mystery Idiom

Read the clues. Write the answers on the lines.

1. This Latin root means less. ___ ___ ___
2. This Latin root means give. ___ ___ ___ ___
3. This Latin root means no. ___ ___ ___
4. This Latin root means order. ___ ___ ___ ___
5. This Latin root means beginning. ___ ___ ___ ___

Circle your answers in the puzzle. Search down, across, and on the diagonal.

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M A N D N
O U M E M
T R I B I
R O I U N
N A N G O
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**BONUS** On the lines below, write the letters you did not circle in order from left to right, top to bottom.

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Which Latin word means number?
Root Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues. Use the roots in the box below and what you know about them to complete the puzzle.

LATIN ROOTS orig, neg, min, mand, trib

CLUES

ACROSS

2. The leader _______ your attention.
4. League before the majors
5. She _______ cards to each player.
6. Many fairy tales _______ in France.
8. The Ohio River is a _______ of the Mississippi River.
9. I have a poster, but the _______ hangs in the museum.

DOWN

1. His vote against the rule _______ her vote for it.
3. English and math are _______ courses.
4. The _______ desserts are just a single bite.
7. The opposite of positive

Unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to spell an antonym for the root that means the opposite of beginning.

______ ____ ____ means ____________________.

Write the mystery root to complete the sentence.
The ex______ inator sprayed for bugs.
Word Cards

- Complete the word cards.
- Cut them out and tape or staple them to index cards.
- On the back, illustrate one word for each root.
- Add the Root Picture Card (page 62) from your teacher to the front or back of the card.

**LATIN ROOT mand**

Means ____________________________

Words I know with mand:
1. Command means ________________
2. Mandatory means ________________
3. Demand means ________________
4. Other words I know with mand:

**LATIN ROOT min**

Means ____________________________

Words I know with min:
1. Minor means ________________
2. Minimum means ________________
3. Minus means ________________
4. Other words I know with min:

**LATIN ROOT neg**

Means ____________________________

Words I know with neg:
1. Negative means ________________
2. Renege means ________________
3. Renegade means ________________
4. Other words I know with neg:

**LATIN ROOT orig**

Means ____________________________

Words I know with orig:
1. Aboriginal means ________________
2. Origin means ________________
3. Original means ________________
4. Other words I know with orig:

**LATIN ROOT trib**

Means ____________________________

Words I know with trib:
1. Contribute means ________________
2. Distribute means ________________
3. Tributary means ________________
4. Other words I know with trib: