

Word Origins Lab Answer Key

Sample Research Findings

1. **Candidate**

- Origin: Latin
- Original meaning: dressed in white.
- Shift: from clothing worn by Roman office seekers to anyone seeking a position.

2. **Controversy**

- Origin: Latin
- Original meaning: to turn against or dispute.
- Shift: from physical opposition to verbal or ideological disagreement.

3. **Manufacture**

- Origin: Latin
- Original meaning: made by hand.

- Shift: expanded from handcrafting to large-scale industrial production and abstract creation.

4. **Propaganda**

- Origin: Latin
- Original meaning: things that must be spread.
- Shift: from neutral religious communication to persuasive political messaging with negative connotations.

5. **Digital**

- Origin: Latin
- Original meaning: finger or toe.
- Shift: from counting with fingers to data represented electronically.

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Develop Grade 10 students' ability to understand vocabulary by examining **historical origins** and **semantic change**.
- **Before starting:** Model one word using a trusted dictionary or etymology source and show how meanings evolve with culture and technology.
- **Differentiation:**
 - On-level: Require accurate source citation and a clear explanation of meaning shift.
 - Challenge: Ask students to connect the word's evolution to a specific historical event or era.