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Thomas Jefferson, dans un courrier envoyé à Joseph Priestley en 1800, explique pourquoi il faut se battre pour le latin et le grec :

*Thomas Jefferson to Joseph Priestley, January 27th 1800:*

*"To read the Latin and Greek authors in their original, is a sublime luxury; and I deem luxury in science to be at least as justifiable as in architecture, painting, gardening, or the other arts. I enjoy Homer in his own language infinitely beyond Pope's translation of him, and both beyond the dull narrative of the same events by Dares Phrygius; and it is an innocent enjoyment. I thank on my knees, him who directed my early education, for having put into my possession this rich source of delight; and I would not exchange it for anything which I could then have acquired, and have not since acquired."*

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