

# Nota Bene: Q

## Q

**quadrivium:** four paths; in ancient Greek and medieval educational curriculum, the subjects of arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy

**quagmire:** an entanglement that offers no ready solution or means of escape

**qualm:** a misgiving or pang of conscience (at one's course of action)

**quark:** an elementary particle, one of the smallest known quantities of matter

**quantification:** to express the quantify of (in measurable units); in logic, to make explicit the quantity of a proposition

**quantifier:** a word or phrase that can be the subject of a sentence, but which does not refer to an object

**quantum:** how much; quantity

**quantum sufficit:** a sufficient quantity

**querulous:** given to complaining

**qui transtulit sustinet:** he who has borne them sustains them

**quid nune:** a news monger

**quiescent:** in a state of rest or inactivity; latent

**quixotic:** foolishly romantic, idealistic to an impractical degree

**quod erat demonstrandum:** that which is demonstrated or proved (abbreviated Q.E.D.)

**quod erat faciendum:** which was to be done (abbreviated Q.E.F.)

**quotidian:** occurring every day; commonplace and ordinary

**quid pro quo:** a thing for a thing; i.e., a substitute

**quintessence:** the fifth essence or element (from Greek cosmology); the pure and concentrated essence of a substance