



Classical Civilisation A level

GAP TASK

What will you Study?

OCR Course
11 Hours PER
Fortnight

<u>World of the Hero</u>	<u>Greek Culture</u>	<u>Beliefs and Ideas</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The important and ever popular literary genre of 'epic' forms the basis of the mandatory component The World of the Hero (H408/11). This component will explore both Greek and Roman epic, with the study of Homer's 'Odyssey', one of the very earliest works of literature in the world, and Virgil's 'Aeneid', a text which has had a greater impact on the thinking of western Europe than any other secular text.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The concept of the "barbarian" was invented by the ancient Greeks to distinguish themselves from non-Greek peoples. The term "barbarian" (Greek: βάρβαρος, bárbaros) originally referred to anyone who spoke a language that was not Greek and therefore sounded like unintelligible babbling to the Greeks. We will look at how the Greeks perceived their neighbours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In this unit we deliver the Greek Religion module (H408/31). Learners are given the opportunity to explore some of the ideas and ideals important to the ancient Greeks. Learners will examine personal and public religious behaviour, the physical remains of the great temple complexes, the significance attached by the Greeks to cult ritual, including sacrifice, as well as the overlap of religion with politics, art, social customs and philosophy

Our aims -

- **The course (and your gap tasks) is aimed at exploring knowledge and understanding skills that will allow you to:**
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- Investigate study and interpret Classical Civilisation.
- Think rigorously and present coherent, widely informed and detailed arguments about beliefs, ethics, values and issues, drawing from well-substantiated conclusions.
- Reflect on, express and justify your own opinions.
- Draw upon, interpret and evaluate a range of historical artefacts to understand what we can learn about the Ancient World.

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Gap tasks are designed to bridge the gap between GCSE and A level. By completing these tasks will mean you are well informed and ready to begin your A level learning!

We hope it will also give you insight into working independently, managing a variety of A level tasks and prepare you for what is expected at a level.

Tasks will be collected in your first lesson in September.

Email any questions to k.blake@cns-school.org



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Before Anything Else –

Complete at least section 1 of [this course](#) run by Open Edu. You can complete it all if you like, it will really help. This information will be used to answer the next task. The course is aimed for university students, so persevere if it seems tricky at first.

THEN complete these.

1. Watch this clip: [Clip 1](#) Make notes on the politics, military prowess, geography, culture, philosophy, language and anything else of note
2. Read the information here and further add to your notes: [Greece Overview](#)
3. Watch this introduction to the Greek gods: [Greek Gods](#) As you watch, record the most important aspects of the relationships between the Greek gods by sketch noting. (There's an introductory video to show you how to do it here: [How to sketch note](#))
4. Handwrite in Black Pen – A 500 Word Essay which answers the initial question: Who were the ancient Greeks? Try to use as many subject specific key words as you can and show what you've learned from the previous three tasks.

Whilst it may seem tempting to use a Large Language Model such as ChatGPT to do this quickly, you won't have access to it during lessons or the exams. If you want to do well, start off by doing this properly. If you don't enjoy doing it, the course is unlikely to be more fun.