

A-Level Classical Civilisation Summer Bridging Task

The purpose of giving you a summer bridging task

- i. To provide a bridge from level 2 to level 3 study, and lead into the early stages of the course
- ii. To engage you in independent learning which is required at level 3
- iii. To encourage you to develop your work ethic and commitment to study
- iv. To measure your suitability for the course and assess your initial levels of achievement

All of your work must be typed and clearly presented – please reference your work.

Task 1: Identify the role of the **Greek Gods** and research their Roman names:

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| • Zeus – <i>Jupiter – King of the Gods</i> | • Hephaestus | • Poseidon |
| • Hera | • Artemis | • Demeter |
| • Aphrodite | • Dionysus | • Ares |
| • Apollo | • Hades | • Hestia |
| | • Athene | |

Task 2: The Julio-Claudian dynasty produced five **emperors of Rome** whose lives and antics still fascinate and shock us today: Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius and Nero. Create a family tree to show how they were related to each other. Pick one and find out five interesting fact about him.

Task 3: Greek Epic - **The Odyssey**: Read the episode below and explain how the poet has made the scene dramatically effective:

Pallas Athene had fuddled the suitors' wits to such effect that they greeted Telemachus' reply with peal after peal of uncontrollable laughter. But before long their laughing faces took on a strained and alien look. Blood was spattered on the food they ate. Their eyes were filled with tears, their hearts with forebodings of grief. And now the voice of the godlike prophet Theoclymenus was heard. "Unhappy men", he cried, "what horror is this that has descended on you? Your heads your faces and your knees are veiled in night. [...] The walls and lovely alcoves are splashed with blood. The porch is filled with ghosts. So is the court – ghosts hurrying down to darkness and to the Underworld. The sun is blotted out from heaven and a foul mist has crept upon the world." They laughed at him.

Task 4: Using exam board materials

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/classical-civilisation-h008-h408-from-2017/>

A useful resource for your A level study is provided by the examination board. Spend some time exploring this website. You will find information about the course, exam papers, mark schemes and exam reports. Download the specification which has valuable details on all units of study. Practice is a key part of success at A level, so make sure you are familiar with the types of question that can be asked.

Useful websites: <https://ancientromanhistory31-14.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJ7BBjoXa14>

Useful books: Homer's *Odyssey*, translated by E.V. Rieu, Penguin ISBN 978-0140449112