



<p>A Level Syllabus and Assessment Structure:</p> <p>OCR Classical Civilisation: World of the Hero (Odyssey and Aeneid), Greek Religion and Imperial Image modules (further info on OCR website)</p> <p>OCR Latin: Language, Cicero, Tacitus, Ovid, Virgil</p>	
<p>Required (Task Time: 2 hours)</p>	<p>Latin: Continue to consolidate the GCSE vocabulary list and grammar so that it is thoroughly ingrained in your brains by September. Do this little and often.</p> <p>Classical Civilisation: see below</p>
<p>Highly Recommended (Task Time: 3-4 hours)</p>	<p>Classical Civilisation: Below are some suggestions of accessible books which you might enjoy reading before starting to study A-level Classical Civilisation. Over the summer before starting Year 12, get hold of one or two of these books if you can, and enjoy reading.</p> <p>1. Homer Any Classics course will expect you to know about the epic poetry of Virgil and Homer – we will be reading the Odyssey together in Year 12. Read a summary of the plot so that you know roughly how the narrative pans out.</p> <p>2. Imperial Image. Reading some of the following may allow you to get to know the characters in a very readable format: Allan Massie – Augustus Allan Massie – Caesar Allan Massie - Anthony Conn Iggulston – Julius Caesar trilogy Colleen McCullough – Anthony and Cleopatra Robert Graves - I, Claudius (also available as TV series!)</p> <p>You'll find lots more historical novels out there on these historical figures which would provide a good base for your studies next year.</p> <p>3. Greek Religion Stephen Fry – Mythos Ancient Greece – A Very Short Introduction</p> <p>4. General knowledge Mary Beard is a Roman historian who has produced lots of readable books and great TV series too. Her book on 'Confronting the Classics' combines essays on a range of topics from ancient Greece and Rome. The Very Short Introduction to Classics is a good way to explore some of the wider issues we are interested in if we study Classical subjects.</p>