

Welcome to A Level Ancient History

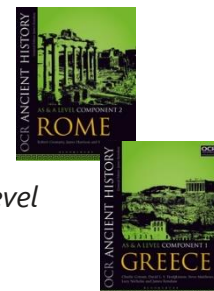
- **What you can read:**

Cromarty, R. Harrison, J. Matthews, S. 2018. *AS and A Level Component 2, Rome*. London: Bloomsbury.

Cottam, C. Hodgkinson, D. Matthews, S. Nicholas, L. Renshaw, J. 2017. *AS and A Level Component 1, Greece*. London Bloomsbury.

'OCR A Level Ancient History Specification' – link below:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/313570-specification-accredited-a-level-ancient-history-h407.pdf>



- **What are some of the topics and skills that you will cover:**

Below are some of the topics and skills that we will cover over the course of your time at College:

<u>Topics</u>	<u>Relevant skills to the topic</u>
<p><u>'Period Study: Relations between Greek States and Between Greek and Non Greek States 492-404BC'</u> In this first year topic we will cover events and sources available for this timespan starting with a Persian invasion and ending in the final clash between Athens and Sparta.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate understanding of key aspects of the time period - Interpret and critically employ ancient and modern source material to formulate judgement on the events of the time period.
<p><u>'Period Study: The Julio-Claudian Emperors 31BC-AD68'</u> In this first year topic we will cover the emperors from Augustus Caesar to Nero. We will consider their effectiveness in military, social and religious issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate understanding of key aspects of the time period - Interpret and critically employ ancient and modern source material to formulate judgement on the events of the time period.
<p><u>'Depth Study1: The Politics and Society of Sparta 478-404BC'</u> In this second year topic we will cover the complexity of Spartan society and the interplay of social, political and military forces in Sparta.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate understanding of key aspects of the time period - Interpret and critically employ ancient and modern source material to formulate judgement on the events of the time period.
<p><u>'Depth Study 1: The Breakdown of the Late Republic 88-31BC'</u> In this second year topic we will cover the interplay of political, military, social and economic factors that the late Roman Republic faced, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate understanding of key aspects of the time period - Interpret and critically employ ancient and modern source material to formulate judgement on the events of the time period.

ultimately brought about its disintegration and reformation under the sole rule of Octavian

- **What you can watch:**

Here are some videos for you to watch to get you started on those topics:

- Greek states – a brief introduction to the Peloponnesian Wars
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjbfS8RDoYo>
- There is a 3 part documentary series called 'The Spartans' by Bettany Hughes on YouTube which will give insight into Sparta and their role in Greek life and the wars before and during the given time period.
- The following is a link to a channel of videos for the Julio Claudian Emperors module <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDpXe7Gd-e3F6VD1pLrldYxaZoWuH6bo>
- It might be worth watching films such as '300' and the documentary series 'Ancient Rome' on Netflix.

- **Tasks that you can do to prepare you:**

Task 1 – Greek States

Below is a video summarising the relations between Greece and Persia – you may wish to ignore the 'open letter' part but do take notes on the rest:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-mkVSasZIM&t=319s>

For the first time span, we will be looking at the challenge of the Persian Empire which covers 492BC – 479BC. There are five significant battles in this period which are:

- The Battle of Marathon
- Thermopylae
- Salamis
- Plataea
- Mycale

Make brief notes on each of these battles including:

- Date
- Location
- Who was involved
- The outcome

Do feel free to add any extra information so that you can enhance your understanding.

Task 2 – Julio-Claudian Emperors

Create a character profile for each of the Julio Claudian Emperors based on your own research:

Augustus

- Tiberius
- Gaius
- Claudius
- Nero

You might wish to add when they reigned, how they were received by the public, what major battles were fought under them, what they were like according to your research etc...

- **Contact information**

- If you have questions regarding this or any other A Level course at Burnley College, please contact alevels@burnley.ac.uk or call 01282733373

We look forward to seeing you in September.