



Year 9 and 10: Thematic study – Greek and Roman Myth and Religion

In Year 9 pupils begin with an introduction to the classical world through the study of myth and religion. Initially studying Ancient Greece, pupils will then look at Ancient Rome before considering comparisons between the two civilisations.

Pupils will study myths regarding the role of gods and heroes including as symbols of power. They will also consider the role of religion in everyday lives, such as the study of temples, sacrifice, festivals, and death. Through these topics pupils will gain a broad overview of religion in the ancient world, and provides opportunity for pupils to study a wide variety of material remains, such as temples and works of art. Pupils will also use literary sources by Ovid, Virgil, Plutarch, Livy as well as the Homeric hymns to aid in their comparisons.

Year 10 and 11: Literature and Culture study – the Homeric World

In this module, pupils will read selected chapters of Homer's *Odyssey*, selected for a mix of the fantastical tales of Odysseus' journey, and an insight into everyday life such as life in a palace and the lives of women. The final books studied, focusing on the battle between Odysseus and the suitors, are exciting and pose questions about revenge and punishment.

Alongside pupils' study of Homer, they will consider the remains of the Mycenaean world. This will consider diverse archaeological finds, such as sculpture, frescos, and jewellery as well as tombs and their treasure. This will allow pupils to consider the life of ordinary people in Mycenaean times, as well as the epics their culture inspired.

Year 11: Revision

After completing their examination unit content students will be supported in the crucial period running up to the GCSE examinations by a series of revision sessions of both the thematic study and the literature and culture module.

Examination information

Component One: Thematic Study

Myth and Religion – Exam: 1 hour and 30 minutes and worth 50% of the overall qualification

- Section A: Greek religion (30 marks)
- Section B: Roman religion (30 marks)
- Section C: Greek and Roman religion (30 marks)

Component One is a mixture of short knowledge questions and longer essay-style answers using a mixture of visual and literary sources.

Component Two: Literature and Culture

The Homeric World – Exam: 1 hour and 30 minutes and worth 50% of the overall qualification

- Section A: Culture (45 marks)
- Section B: Literature (45 marks)

Component Two is a mixture of short knowledge questions and longer essay-style answers using a mixture of visual and literary sources.