

AS/A Level Ancient History

(Available for teaching from September 2008)

Ancient History is now part of the OCR Classics suite. The Classics suite provides the opportunity for the study of classical sources in their contexts. It is flexible, creative, fair and accessible. It reflects the reality of Classics in the classroom and Classics teaching today.



**14-19 CHANGES
A LEVEL**

What are the benefits to me and my students of teaching this OCR specification?

- Developed based on the revised QCA subject criteria specified following consultation with key stakeholders in the Classics teaching community.
- For the first time all Classics subjects will share the same aims and assessment objectives. OCR has responded to this major advance by developing an integrated suite of Classics specifications. OCR's Classics suite offers four named pathways (Latin, Classical Greek, Classical Civilisation and Ancient History) and in addition a new subject title, Classics.
- Reduced assessment burden on students as the number of units has been reduced from six units to four units (two at AS, two at A2).
- Simple, straightforward assessment, with no coursework.
- The Ancient History pathway offers the opportunity to study sources in their historical context. Candidates study Greek and Roman History at both AS and A level.
- Excellent preparation for students wishing to progress to further study. Designed to allow Classics to develop strongly in schools during the coming decade. These specifications will meet the requirements of QCA, and of schools and colleges anxious to retain or promote Classics as a discipline of study central to the Arts and Humanities curriculum.

AS Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Greek History from original sources	Greek history studied through the interpretation and evaluation of three sets of original source material.	Mandatory
Roman History from original sources	Roman history studied through the interpretation and evaluation of three sets of original source material.	Mandatory

A2 Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional?
Greek History: conflict and culture	A study of culture and conflict in the Greek World of 5th century BC (choice of three options)	Mandatory
Roman History: the use and abuse of power	A study of the Roman world from the late Republic to the early Empire (choice of three options)	Mandatory

How are these qualifications assessed?

All units are assessed through a timetabled written examination.

Examination series are available every June.

Dates of first examinations

AS

First examination available from June 2009.

A2

First examination available from June 2010.

What support will I receive?

Training

A series of events run annually to support teachers and to provide feedback on recent examinations.

Resources

You can download sample assessment materials from the OCR website – www.ocr.org.uk

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