



# Future Ancient Historians

*Hello Year 11 Historians,*

If you are considering Ancient History A Level next year or are just interested in learning something new over the coming weeks, why not use this time to explore the subject. This document contains just some ideas that you can dip in and out of as much as you like or use as a starting point to find other resources you find interesting. We study Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece at A Level, using the skills you have acquired in GCSE History but looking at a completely different time period, with some very different History!

*Mr Slater and Mrs Kearsley*

## Online Courses

There are many free online courses offering study of the Ancient World. Feel free to have a browse and see if you can find something which interests you. Our A Level course focuses on Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece, but there are hundreds of different options online. Use the following as a starting point:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/history-courses/ancient-history>

<http://www.openculture.com/free-courses-in-ancient-history-literature-philosophy>

<https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=ancient%20history>

<https://online-learning.harvard.edu/subject/ancient-history>



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Explore the architecture and history of Rome, walking around a 3D digital model of the ancient city, with this free online course.

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## WHAT TO WATCH?

### ANCIENT GREECE

**The Spartans** – documentary available in 3 parts

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

**Rise and Fall of the Spartans** – documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gm7LQG2Eb8o>

**The Ancient Greeks – Crucible of Civilisation** – documentary

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ7eb5kY2\\_8&list=PLmLlaNoL1WVsc\\_SQxE2GR2xbrz\\_V-w0af](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ7eb5kY2_8&list=PLmLlaNoL1WVsc_SQxE2GR2xbrz_V-w0af)

**Films – 300 and 300 Rise of an Empire**

### ANCIENT ROME

**The Great Empire Rome – Part 1: The Republic**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=887uU7faQR4>

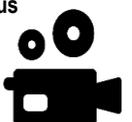
**Tony Robinson's Romans: Julius Caesar**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3duE5TzSWco>

**Caligula with Mary Beard / Timeline**

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

**TV & Film – I, Claudius and Spartacus**



## Get started: Crack some keywords...

Do a little research on some of these key words you'll encounter as part of your A Level course...



Agoge	Senate
Phalanx	Tribune
Hoplite	Amicitia
Ecclesia	Consul
Ephorate	Imperium
Strategos	Auctoritas
Demos	Principate
Hegemon	Praetorian
Hellenic	Equites

## What do we study?

We study Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome, each section is worth 50% of your A Level, and the layout of the examination is exactly the same on both sides. Both parts of the course use original ancient sources as the basis of our study.

Our Greek study includes:

**The Politics and Society of Sparta** : Sparta was one of the leading Greek city-states, a fascinating militaristic state, with the most renowned soldiers of the Ancient Greek world. We will look at how Sparta's power rose, the education system, political system, women and the family.

**Greece in Conflict 492-404BC**: this period study looks at Greece in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, a time of huge conflict and upheaval, beginning with the Persian invasion of Greece and the famous last stand of the 300 Spartans at Thermopylae. We then study how the Greeks turned on each other in the Peloponnesian War, in which Sparta and their allies fought Athens and their allies.

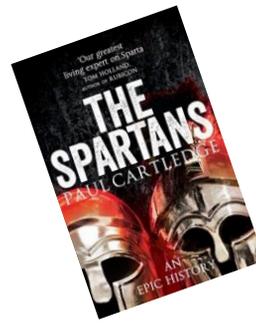
Our Roman study includes:

**The Breakdown of the Late Republic, 88–31 BC**: This focuses on the interplay of political, military, social and economic factors that the late Roman Republic faced, and ultimately brought about its disintegration and reformation under the sole rule of Octavian.

**The Julio-Claudian Emperors, 31 BC–AD 68**: This period study will focus on the establishment and development of the principate under Augustus, Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius and Nero. There will be a particular focus on the military, social, religious and political issues and developments of the emperors in Rome and the Empire.

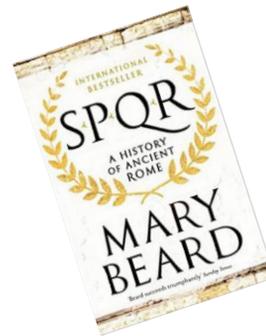


## WHAT TO READ?



The Spartans: An Epic History  
Paul Cartledge

Ancient Greece: A Very Short Introduction  
Paul Cartledge



SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome  
Mary Beard

The Roman Revolution  
Ronald Syme



## Exploring a future with Ancient History

Although you might think it is a long way off, there is no time like the present to begin to think about where Ancient History can take you.

Using the [UCAS online course finder](#) you will be able to see the multitude of Ancient History related courses out there.

Being aspirational will allow you to see what grades and subject combinations universities would welcome. You will also be able to see which type of courses might best suit your interests.

