

## A Level Latin Recommended Pre-Reading & Tasks

Welcome to A Level Latin. This selection of tasks and reading has been compiled to help you prepare for the A Level. You do NOT have to do every task on this list - please treat it as more of a pick and mix selection and select what appeals to you the most. It is recommended that you do at least one task/read one book from each category and those items in bold are particularly good starting points.

Furthermore, please do NOT go out and buy everything on this list (the Amazon links are there to help you identify the items). Make sure you check your local library service as many now offer digital lending as well as physical books.

A reminder of the exam components that we will be studying:

1. **Language** – unseen translation of prose and verse, comprehension and either grammar or prose composition
2. **Prose Literature set text** - an exploration of a lawyer's speech in a real life murder trial
3. **Verse Literature set text** - a study of an epic poem (studied in English in the Classical Civilisation paper too) about the fall of Troy, but written in Latin

1. Start to familiarise yourself with the prescribed texts.	2. Familiarise yourself with Roman mythology.	3. Familiarise yourself with the Greek and Roman world.	<i>Optional:</i> Read a novel set in the classical world.	<i>Optional:</i> Watch some relevant films and TV series
<p>Reading in Latin is the most helpful thing you can do to improve your language skills. Use online textbooks</p> <p>e.g. <b>Lingua Latina per se Illustrata 1: familia</b></p> <p>NB online version on our padlet – <a href="https://padlet.com/magistranewbould/bcsyr11">https://padlet.com/magistranewbould/bcsyr11</a></p> <p>You are also welcome to read the Cambridge Latin course Book 2 online: <a href="https://www.clc.cambridgescp.com/books/book-ii">https://www.clc.cambridgescp.com/books/book-ii</a></p> <p>Over the next two years we will be reading extracts from the Pro Caelio</p>	<p>It is vital that you know who each of the following Roman gods are and how to identify them:</p> <p><i>Jupiter, Juno, Neptune, Pluto, Minerva, Mars, Apollo, Ceres, Vulcan, Vesta, Mercury, Bacchus, Venus and Diana</i></p> <p>(You may wish to create a digital document or a scrapbook to collate this information)</p> <p>A very thorough website on mythology is: <a href="https://www.theoi.com/">https://www.theoi.com/</a></p> <p>Recommended introductory reads on mythology:</p> <p><i>Mythos</i> by Stephen Fry <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mythos-Greek-Retold-Stephen-Fry/dp/0718188721">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mythos-Greek-Retold-Stephen-Fry/dp/0718188721</a></p> <p>Any childhood collection or compendium of Greek and Roman mythology should be sufficient to</p>	<p>Recommended introductory read on Rome:</p> <p><b><i>SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome</i> by Mary Beard</b> <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/SPQR-History-Professor-Mary-Beard/dp/1846683807">https://www.amazon.co.uk/SPQR-History-Professor-Mary-Beard/dp/1846683807</a></p> <p>-</p> <p>If you want to read something much lighter try the following books from the <i>Horrible Histories</i> series by Terry Deary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rotten Romans</li> <li>- Ruthless Romans</li> </ul> <p>The Open University are offering a free introductory online course 'Introducing the Classical World': <a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/classical-studies/introducing-the-classical-world/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/classical-studies/introducing-the-classical-world/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab</a></p>	<p>A good historical novel can be an excellent introduction to the ancient world.</p> <p><i>For the Most Beautiful</i> by Emily Hauser - <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Most-Beautiful-Emily-Hauser/dp/0857523147">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Most-Beautiful-Emily-Hauser/dp/0857523147</a></p> <p><i>Dido</i> by Adèle Geras – <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dido-Adele-Geras/dp/0385615175/">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dido-Adele-Geras/dp/0385615175/</a></p> <p><i>Lavinia</i> by Ursula le Guin – <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lavinia-Ursula-K-Guin/dp/0753827840">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lavinia-Ursula-K-Guin/dp/0753827840</a></p> <p><b><i>Imperium</i> by Robert Harris</b> <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Imperium-Cicero-Trilogy-Robert-Harris/dp/0099527669">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Imperium-Cicero-Trilogy-Robert-Harris/dp/0099527669</a></p>	<p><u>Television Series - Myths:</u></p> <p>The Great Greek Myths (Season 2 - the Trojan War): <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/video/detail/B07Z3ZB3DS/ref=atv_dp_share_cu_r">https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/video/detail/B07Z3ZB3DS/ref=atv_dp_share_cu_r</a></p> <p><u>Documentaries:</u></p> <p>Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit series: <a href="https://youtu.be/GYjnRAFFy4g">https://youtu.be/GYjnRAFFy4g</a></p> <p>Cicero – Murder in Rome <a href="https://dai.ly/x2jtz1n">https://dai.ly/x2jtz1n</a></p> <p><u>Films:</u></p> <p>Troy (2004) <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Troy-DVD/dp/B0006210MK">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Troy-DVD/dp/B0006210MK</a></p> <p><u>Films &amp; TV Boxsets - Rome:</u></p> <p>Cleopatra (1963) <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cleopatra-DVD-">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cleopatra-DVD-</a></p>

<p>by Cicero and from Book 2 of Virgil's <i>Aeneid</i>.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Virgil, '<i>Aeneid</i>' translated by D. West (Penguin)  <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Aeneid-Penguin-Classics-Virgil/dp/0140449329">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Aeneid-Penguin-Classics-Virgil/dp/0140449329</a></p> <p>or</p> <p>Virgil, 'The Aeneid', translated by A.S. Kline, online at Poetry in Translation  <a href="https://www.poetryintranslation.com/PITBR/Latin/Virgilhome.php">https://www.poetryintranslation.com/PITBR/Latin/Virgilhome.php</a></p> <p><b>If you would like a more structured introduction, the Open University are offering free introductory online course on the <i>Aeneid</i>:</b>  <a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/introducing-virgils-aeneid/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/introducing-virgils-aeneid/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab</a></p> <p>Cicero is renowned for his stylish writing and many articles exist to explain his appeal e.g.  <a href="https://speakerhubhq.medium.com/ciceros-not-so-secret-formula-for-persuasive-talks-8f1b2866f96e">https://speakerhubhq.medium.com/ciceros-not-so-secret-formula-for-persuasive-talks-8f1b2866f96e</a></p>	<p>help you start to build up your background knowledge:</p> <p><i>The Mythology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained</i> by DK  <a href="https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mythology-Book-Ideas-Simply-Explained/dp/1465473378">https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mythology-Book-Ideas-Simply-Explained/dp/1465473378</a></p> <p>or</p> <p><b>Mythology – Edith Hamilton</b>  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mythology_(book)">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mythology_(book)</a></p> <p>(For MCU fans there are additional Norse myths in here – which you do not need to read, but are also brilliant)</p>	<p>There are <b>Ted Ed videos</b> that you may also enjoy (very short to watch):</p> <p>e.g.  <a href="https://ed.ted.com/ted_ed_collections/myths-from-around-the-world">https://ed.ted.com/ted_ed_collections/myths-from-around-the-world</a></p> <p><a href="https://ed.ted.com/search?q=roman+history">https://ed.ted.com/search?q=roman+history</a></p>	<p><i>The course of honour</i> by Lindsey Davis (a standalone novel from an author who has written many mysteries set in Rome and beyond)  <a href="https://lindseydavis.co.uk/publications/the-course-of-honour/">https://lindseydavis.co.uk/publications/the-course-of-honour/</a></p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B004G6TCVC">Elizabeth-Taylor/dp/B004G6TCVC</a></p> <p><u>Very accessible &amp; funny Youtube summaries by classicist MoanInc.</u></p> <p><u>Aeneid:</u>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTc_pmeN-uTIXl1x9y8hTMm0Kpyv3aV_Jy">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLTc_pmeN-uTIXl1x9y8hTMm0Kpyv3aV_Jy</a></p> <p><u>Language podcasts:</u>  e.g. Scorpio Martianus for spoken Latin:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@ScorpioMartianus/playlists">https://www.youtube.com/@ScorpioMartianus/playlists</a></p> <p>e.g. Magister Craft (do have the subtitles on!)  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@MagisterCraft/playlists">https://www.youtube.com/@MagisterCraft/playlists</a></p>
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