

Ancient History- Top Tips for success at A Level

Teacher Top Tips...

- It is vital that you continue to review the work completed in class in addition to submitting all home learning on time. As the year progresses you should revise the content studied earlier in the year to ensure it is embedded in your long term memory.
- Ensure that all notes and handouts are well organised. It is vital that any additional material can easily be found when reviewing tasks completed in lessons.
- This course requires you to analyse a huge number of ancient sources. It is imperative that you are able to interpret these sources and refer to key points from memory.
- Be ready to participate in class discussions to improve your grasp of issues. You may need clarification of points arising from your own reading. Consider key questions to inform and deepen your questioning.
- Make use of the quiz cards provided and try to produce many of your own.
- Reading and research is vital for you to unlock the ancient world. Use issued texts and staff advice to be informed about the issues covered in class.
- Be ready to answer early on in the course past paper questions and appreciate that it will take time to develop and improve your extended writing. Do not be disheartened! Rome wasn't built in a day- as they say!
- Gain an early appreciation of what examiners are looking for in content, analysis and structure of the different questions. Use PEEL chains to structure your paragraphs to ensure that you focus on the question set.
- Genuine REFLECTION on your own performance is needed to make progress. Self and peer marking of work is central to taking on board new advice.
- Make sure that you think about teacher comments on completed work and ACTION them! There is no point in working hard on a piece of work and not taking into account developments and improvements to be made from the previous essay.

Student Tips...

'Organise your notes clearly and annotate the ancient sources thoroughly-there's a lot to learn!'

'Make sure that you commit key quotes to memory. Use these to support your points and strengthen your argument.'

'Focus on analysis, not just story telling in exam questions.'

'Complete quizzes regularly to ensure that you have strong subject knowledge.'