

## **Preparing for Ancient History A-Level**

The first year of study will focus on the Julio-Claudian Emperors 31BC – 68AD and Relations between Greek states and between Greek and non-Greek states 492–404 BC.

### **Julio-Claudian Emperors**

An overview of the Romans can be gained by watching Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome Series.

Episode 1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL\\_acQHNS-o&t=1066s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LL_acQHNS-o&t=1066s)

Episode 2: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hziWYI\\_zrBY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hziWYI_zrBY)

Episode 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXUVcrCq7ZI&t=5s>

Episode 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhT5eufMrM0&t=322s>

Any research completed on the Julio-Claudian Emperors will be beneficial. A brief summary of each emperor can be found below.

Augustus: <https://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/emperor-augustus>

Tiberius: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/tiberius.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/tiberius.shtml)

Gaius: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/caligula.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/caligula.shtml)

Claudius: <https://www.ancient.eu/claudius/>

Nero: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/nero.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/nero.shtml)

There are a wealth of websites and videos providing additional information on these emperors. Any knowledge gained on their reign and personality will be useful when studying the A-Level syllabus.

There is no expectation for students to purchase additional books and all resources will be provided. However, students have found *From the Gracchi to Nero* by H.H Scullard a particularly useful resource. There are many used copies available online at reasonable prices. An excellent understanding of the Julio-Claudians can be gained by reading relevant chapters. This is however a challenging text and not one to read from cover to cover.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Gracchi-Nero-B-C-D-68-Routledge/dp/0415025273/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crid=2ZIJPO2OSE7F1&dchild=1&keywords=from+the+gracchi+to+nero&qid=1588234250&sprefix=from+the+gracc%2Caps%2C153&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Gracchi-Nero-B-C-D-68-Routledge/dp/0415025273/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2ZIJPO2OSE7F1&dchild=1&keywords=from+the+gracchi+to+nero&qid=1588234250&sprefix=from+the+gracc%2Caps%2C153&sr=8-2)

Students may also find it beneficial to read *Dynasty: The Rise and Fall of the House of Caesar* by Tom Holland. Many second hand copies are also available at reasonable prices. This text is more accessible for students with less knowledge of the Julio-Claudians.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dynasty-Rise-Fall-House-Caesar-ebook/dp/B00TONTAEG/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crid=3E9THIL35OU9S&dchild=1&keywords=rubicon+tom+holland&qid=1588235222&sprefix=tom+holland+rub%2Caps%2C152&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Dynasty-Rise-Fall-House-Caesar-ebook/dp/B00TONTAEG/ref=sr_1_2?crid=3E9THIL35OU9S&dchild=1&keywords=rubicon+tom+holland&qid=1588235222&sprefix=tom+holland+rub%2Caps%2C152&sr=8-2)

### **Relations between Greek states and between Greek and non-Greek states 492–404 BC**

Students will initially begin with a study of the Greco-Persian Wars. Any research that they can conduct on the period 499-449BC would certainly be helpful.

Summary of the Persian Wars: [https://www.ancient.eu/Persian\\_Wars/](https://www.ancient.eu/Persian_Wars/)

More detailed explanations can also be found in these two clips

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/classical-greece/v/beginning-of-the-greco-persian-wars>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/world-history/ancient-medieval/classical-greece/v/second-persian-invasion>