



Introduction to Post-16 Studies - Classical Civilisation AS

Western civilisation began nearly 3,000 years ago, in this sense - that it was the moment when the first voice of the West was heard. That first voice of our civilisation was Greek literature: Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, c. 700 BC. Greeks taught the Romans about literature; and the Roman taught all Europe about it. Since when everyone has been churning the stuff out like mowing machines.

And what a literature it was! You can read the West's first shot at dealing with love, sex, same-sex relationships, death, old age, citizenship (local and global), education, crime, law-making, property-rights, politics, the just war, marriage, the uses of power, xenophobia, punishment theory, the good life.

If you feel you want to find out more, contact Miss Savidge or Mr Bromley (email addresses below)

The following challenges will help you develop some of the initial skills and knowledge needed for this course.



Watch a Play

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRi7qzNK-3Tc>

Investigating The Trojan War – was it myth or reality?



Listen to this radio programme

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2Hvu-gu0aqoYSzriyeH56cl>

Natalie Haynes is a Classicist and comedian who will inspire and educate you about famous Ancient Greeks and Romans.



Read Widely

Troy by Adele Geras

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller Black Ships Before Troy by Rosemary Sutcliffe

The Silence of the Girls by Pat Barker

All of these novels are inspired by The Trojan War.



Useful links

[The specification of the A Level Classical Civilisation course: OCR Website](#)

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