



**Classical Association Teaching Board**

**Online Resources for Teachers of Classics**

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### **Acting the Ancient World**

A new site which aims to bring drama into the Classics classroom with a series of short films to support the study of AS/A Level Classical Civilisation (first film: The Messenger Speaks, based on Euripides' *Bacchae*).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTgOIJuBb38I4Fy3KHd4VLw>

### **Activity Village: Ancient Greece**

Craft ideas, puzzles, games, colouring pages on Ancient Greek themes (primary level).

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/ancient-greece>

### **Actors of Dionysus**

Drawing on its extensive repertoire of work in education, the touring theatre company Actors of Dionysus is undertaking a new initiative to share a range of free educational drama resources to aid the practical teaching and studying of Ancient Greek plays, starting with *Antigone*.

<http://www.actorsofdionysus.com/education/free-resources-2>

### **Ancient Rome Live**

Short videos on topics related to Ancient Rome, including locations, monuments, daily life, rulers, entertainment venues etc.

<http://www.ancientromelive.org/daily-life-1/>

### **An Introduction to Ancient Greek Religion**

Podcasts and an accompanying scheme of work which provide an introduction to some of the key rituals of Ancient Greek religion. Aimed at advanced KS2, and KS3 students.

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/module/8658/podcast-series-associated-scheme-of-work-an-int>

### **Approaching Greek History**

These notes are designed to help teachers of Greek historical topics (in particular OCR Ancient History A-level options in Greek History). They offer an introduction to the sources for Greek history and political, cultural and social aspects of classical Greece in 20 short chapters; there are many maps and illustrations. Each chapter offers a short bibliography on its topic and suggestions for sources to be deployed in the classroom. The target audience is primarily those who are new to ancient Greek history, but it is hoped that others may find something of use.

<https://classicalassociation.org/approachinggreekhistory.pdf>

<https://classicalassociation.org/greekhistorypreliminaries.pdf>

### **Ashmolean Latin Inscriptions Project**

The Ashmolean Latin Inscriptions Project has produced a range of free education resources and activities, which can be used for teaching both Latin language and Roman Life topics to a range of age groups. Includes fact sheets, power-point slides, craft activities etc. with notes for teachers.

<http://latininscriptions.ashmus.ox.ac.uk/resources/>

<http://blogs.ashmolean.org/latininscriptions/>

### **Association for Latin Teaching (ArLT)**

Holds annual teachers' refresher day and summer school, and runs annual Latin reading competition for schools. Provides private tutor listings, a Blog and message board, as well as links to the OCR exam board and providers of Latin teaching. Registration required for main teaching resources including

JACT teaching notes, back issues of JCT (23-30), and HEA workshop/project files. Other online resources include audio files of GCSE and A-level set texts, reading lists and songs in Latin.

<http://www.arlt.co.uk/>

### **Attic Inscriptions Online**

Open-access inscriptions of ancient Athens and Attica in English translation. Pdf available of paper discussing two important inscriptions specified for Ancient History A-Level (LACTOR 1 no. 78 and LACTOR 1 no. 138) in their historical context, as well as a general introduction to inscribed Athenian decrees.

<https://www.atticinscriptions.com/>

<https://www.atticinscriptions.com/papers/aio-papers-8/>

### **Barefaced Greek**

Short subtitled films using excerpts from Ancient Greek drama in the original language, including *The Watchman*, *Lysistrata*, and *Poseidon and Athena* (with *Agamemnon's Return* coming soon).

<http://www.barefacedgreek.co.uk/>

### **British Museum**

Resources to support sixth form visits to the BM to study the Roman imperial collections, including themes relevant to A-Level Ancient History and Classical Civilisation topics, gallery plans, teacher guidelines and bibliography, and an outline of the process of Romanization in Britain.

[http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools\\_and\\_teachers/resources.aspx](http://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources.aspx)

### **Cambridge Schools Classics Project**

Provides CPD training for teachers of the Cambridge Latin Course, and KS4 Literature courses on GCSE set texts. 'Amici' scheme offers support and advice. Also developed 'Romans in Focus' and 'Classical Tales' (see below).

<https://www.teaching.cambridgescp.com/>

### **Classical Tales (developed by CSCP)**

Free audio recordings on four topics (Aesop's Tales, Metamorphoses, War with Troy, Return from Troy) which can be adapted for different levels, with teachers' notes, images, and transcripts.

<http://classictales.educ.cam.ac.uk/>

### **Classics for All**

Charity which raises funds and awards grants to support provision of Classics teaching in state primary and secondary schools. Involved in establishing regional Classics hubs to share expertise and develop new approaches. Online journal *Ad Familiares* publishes one article of classical interest each month. Provides links to *Minimus* Latin course for primary schools (see The Primary Latin Project below), as well as *Maximum Classics* and *Mega Greek*, which offer foundation Latin and Ancient Greek combined with aspects of Classical culture for pupils in Years 4-6. Also links to OU Latin and Greek courses, and a range of multi-media resources to support Classics teaching.

<https://classicsforall.org.uk/>

### **Classics in Communities**

Partnership between the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, and the Iris Project, which promotes the teaching of Latin and Ancient Greek in UK state schools and provides information and guidance on teaching approaches and methods, classroom resources, and support. Two new ranges of

digital resources recently added to the website: 'How to get started with Latin' guides for primary and secondary teachers, and pedagogical videos on key topics in teaching Latin/Ancient Greek. Also provides links to other online teaching and learning resources.

<https://classicsincommunities.org/>

### **Classics Resources**

A comprehensive list of resources for the study of the Ancient World, including collections of texts, images, maps, and ancient language teaching and learning resources.

<https://classicsresources.info/>

### **Classics Video Clips (University of Oxford)**

A series of educational video clips including discussion of set texts and topics of more general interest.

<http://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/classics-video-clips.html>

### **Cybercaesar**

An online Latin course, which includes a resources page providing links to a range of digital materials for studying Classics (videos, flashcards etc.).

<https://cybercaesar.info/>

### **EMACT Greek Certificate**

East Midlands Association of Classical Teachers (EMACT) offers a certificate system for the introduction of Ancient Greek via a series of graded test booklets. Level 1E (Entry) for non-specialists can be taken with resources supplied in the booklets and is meant for interested time-strapped groups, whilst Levels 1S/2S/3S (Specialist) pre-suppose certain amounts of teaching time.

<https://emact.wordpress.com/emact-greek-certificate/>

### **Greek Drama for Schools (University of St Andrews)**

A project producing podcasts and worksheets aimed at making the results of recent research on Greek drama accessible in a digested format geared to recent school syllabuses.

<https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/classics/research/impact/greek-drama/>

### **Greek Myth Comix**

Cartoon Odyssey (and some other classical resources) in printed form or downloadable, with varying costs and printing licences.

<http://greekmythcomix.com/category/epic/odyssey/>

### **Hands Up Education**

A new site offering free teaching and learning resources to support Classics teaching in schools. Currently developing an online Latin course for primary schools.

<https://hands-up-education.org/>

### **Hay Levels**

Very short YouTube clips for A-level students which includes some classical topics, such as Greek theatre, Antigone and Greek sanctuaries/animal sacrifice.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/HayLevels/playlists>

### **In Old Pompeii**

A lesson plan in which students take a virtual field trip to the ruins of Pompeii to learn about everyday life, art and culture in ancient Roman times, and then display their knowledge by creating a travelogue to attract visitors to the site.

<https://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/old-pompeii>

### **'In Our Time' podcasts**

Shortcut to Radio 4 'In Our Time' podcasts which are relevant to Classics, providing an introduction to a wide variety of topics (Greek and Roman history, philosophy, literature and more).

<https://keenerclassics.wordpress.com/2017/08/06/in-our-time-classics-podcasts/>

### **JSTOR**

A digital library of more than 1,500 journals, books, and primary sources (free or paid membership allowing different levels of access). Useful for accessing Classics and Classics-related journal articles.

<http://www.jstor.org/>

### **LacusCurtius: Into the Roman World**

Extensive site on Ancient Rome, including Latin and Greek texts and translations, a Latin Inscriptions site, the Roman Gazetteer (commented photo album of sites and monuments), and links to secondary works and subsites.

<http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/home.html>

### **Latin Resources for Schools (University of Nottingham)**

Free downloads of extracts covering the selections from Cicero's speech 'Pro Milone' on the current OCR AS and A-Level Latin syllabus, with each sentence showing grammatical structure, analysis of number and type of clauses, and description in terms of its contribution to the ongoing argument.

<http://nottingham.ac.uk/classics/about/outreach/latin-resources.aspx>

### **Latin Set Texts Commentaries (University of Cambridge)**

Links to free online commentaries on Cicero, Tacitus and Virgil, useful for Latin students in Years 12 and 13.

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/prospective/schools#section-9>

### **Literacy through Classics in the Primary Classroom (Swansea University)**

Resources on ancient languages and cultures designed for primary school children, including primary Latin course for KS1 and KS2, Ancient Greek course for KS2, and resources on the Romans linked to KS2 History curriculum.

<http://literacythroughclassics.weebly.com/>

### **London Mithraeum**

New cultural hub recently opened to the public, showcasing the ancient Roman temple of Mithras and over 600 Roman artefacts found during excavations. Free schools programme and teachers' resources pack designed for KS2.

<https://www.londonmithraeum.com/temple-of-mithras/>

### **Lucius' Romans (University of Kent)**

Animated films about life in Ancient Rome, with accompanying blog on related topics and an annual animated script-writing competition for students in Years 7-13.

<https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/lucius-romans/>

### **MASSOLIT**

Online courses comprising a series of lectures by established scholars (395 lectures across 64 courses in Classics and Ancient History). Ideal for use in the classroom and in students' own time (school subscription required).

<https://www.massolit.io/tags/Classics>

### **Museum of London**

Pocket histories on life in Roman London and on Boudica, activity sheets and suggestions for discussion to use during KS1 and KS2 museum visits, plus 'Londinium' game based on Roman archaeology.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/schools/live-stream-registration>

### **Omnibus magazine (online catalogue issues 1-71)**

Classics outreach magazine aimed primarily at pupils in their last two years at school, and their teachers. Includes a variety of short illustrated articles by leading scholars, plus details of annual translation and essay competition for school students. Articles from issues 1-71 now freely available to download via the Omnibus archive.

<https://archive.org/details/omnibuscatalogue>

### **OpenLearn (Open University)**

Free online courses on Ancient Greek, Latin and the Classical World, plus videos, podcasts, timelines, interactive activities and articles suitable for all levels. Includes short animated films of *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, each with cast list and mini biography of characters, and animations of *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes and *The Persians* by Aeschylus (in translation).

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/all-content>

### **Open University**

'Introducing Classical Latin' and 'Introducing Ancient Greek', including alphabet, sounds, basic vocabulary etc.

<http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/introducing-classical-latin/>

<http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/greek/index.html>

### **Romans in Focus (developed by CSCP)**

A series of 8 short videos about different aspects of life in the Roman Empire.

<https://www.romansinfocus.com/>

### **Starting to Teach Latin**

Links to articles and blogs about teaching Latin and other classical subjects, information about UK teacher training programmes, and links to journals on the teaching of classical languages, literature and civilisation.

<https://startingtoteachlatin.org/>

### **Teaching Classical Languages**

US-based online journal concerned with the teaching and learning of Greek and Latin. Includes links to teaching resources including the Audio-Visual Classics Database and 'Ariadne: Resources for Athenaze'.

<http://tcl.camws.org/links.php>

### **TES Connect**

Teaching resources on Ancient History, Greek and Latin for use in early years, primary and secondary classrooms, including wall cards, storyboards, games, handouts and worksheets.

<https://www.tes.com/teaching-resources>

### **The Classical Resource Centre**

A wide variety of resources for teachers and students including texts, audio, games etc.

<http://www.classicalresourcecentre.com/>

### **The Classics Library**

Forum for Classics teachers and academics which promotes events, advertises job vacancies, and provides a network for advice and support. Teachers can register to access thousands of teaching resources. Also provides links to *The Classical Anthology* and OBP commentaries on four classical texts prescribed for study at A-Level.

<http://www.theclassicslibrary.com/>

### **The Iris Project**

Educational charity established to introduce the languages and cultures of the Ancient World to UK state schools. 'Literacy through Latin' uses storytelling, games and activities to introduce basic Latin grammar and to demonstrate Latin/English connections. Online resources include worksheets, games, scripts and lesson plans.

<http://irisproject.org.uk/index.php/resources>

### **The Journal of Classics Teaching**

The leading journal for Classics teachers in the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. Includes articles, reports and short book reviews. Issue 31 onwards available online and open access via Cambridge Core. Issues 23-30 available to download via the ArLT website (see above).

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/journal-of-classics-teaching>

### **The Latin Library**

Extensive collection of Latin texts submitted by contributors from around the world (no translations).

<http://www.thelatinlibrary.com/>

### **The Latin Quarter**

Runs short courses in Latin and the history of Ancient Greece and Rome. Online resources include a Guide to Latin Pronunciation, an Introduction to Latin Verse, recordings of passages read in Latin and links to short films in Latin with accompanying worksheets/scripts/translations.

<http://www.lingua.co.uk/latin/index.php>



### **The Panoply Vase Animations Project**

Animations based on original Greek vases, organised into topics (women, myth, warfare, sport etc.). Useful for various teaching and learning activities, particularly in sessions on classical civilisation, art, and creative writing.

<http://www.panoply.org.uk/uses.html#.WfH88tenFaQ>

### **The Perseus Project**

Tufts University's digital library project of humanities resources, including primary and secondary resources for the study of Ancient Greece and Rome, and catalogue of art and archaeology artefacts.

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/>

### **The Primary Latin Project**

*Minimus, Starting out in Latin* introduces 7-10 year-olds to Latin language and Roman Britain through comic strips, stories and myths. *Minimus Secundus, Moving on in Latin* continues the course up to age 13. Online resources include support sheets, schemes of work, worksheets and ideas for practical activities. Audio recordings of stories and myths from the *Minimus* books are also available via Sound Cloud.

<http://www.minimus.com/>

<https://soundcloud.com/user-231577026>

### **The Trojan War Podcast**

The Trojan War epic broken down into 20 episodes accompanied by short commentaries. The 'Archives' section allows a search for specific topics which will direct the listener to the relevant episode.

<http://trojanwarpodcast.com/about-trojan-war-the-podcast/>

### **Through a Glass Darkly – The Bridges Collection**

A free guide to easy and cost-effective creation of 3-D images of archaeological material, produced by the University of St Andrews with the aim of preserving and publishing the Bridges Collection of Cypriot material, and making it accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

<https://thebridgescollection.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/bridgescollection/>

<https://sketchfab.com/bridges>

### **Twinkl: Romans**

Search 'Romans' for a wide variety of resources for KS1 to KS4, including display packs, reading comprehension activities, fact files, differentiated lesson packs, games and activity sheets.

<http://www.twinkl.co.uk/search>

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