

Year 9 Classical Civilisation

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn 1	Circe by Madeline Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you spot a witch? How is Circe presented in Classical mythology? 	<p>Content: Students will know the characters and events of the area of mythology studied</p> <p>Literary Analysis: Students will be able to assess the effect of the authors' writing</p> <p>Reception: Students will be able to understand classical perceptions and values and evaluate these from a modern perspective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depiction of Circe in Classical literature Comparison of texts
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Madeleine Miller's Circe Is Circe represented differently in receptive texts? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative techniques Literary analysis How to write creatively Comparison of texts
Autumn 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion question: "Miller's 'me too' era – kick ass portrait of a woman trying to defy the men and Fates" 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative techniques Literary analysis How to write creatively Comparison of texts
Spring 1	The Trojan War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What happened in the Trojan War? What were the key events of the Trojan War? 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myth v history Sources for the Trojan war
Spring 2	The foundations of Rome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The foundations of Rome: Aeneas to Romulus and Remus to the expulsion of the kings 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myth v history Sources for the foundations of Rome

Curriculum Outline 2025-26

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Summer 1	The Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Roman Republic• Julius Caesar and Cleopatra• The assassination of Julius Caesar		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governmental systems: transitions from monarchy to Republic• Pressures on the Republic: the breakdown of the Republic• The Egyptian Pharaohs: Cleopatra and her aims
Summer 2	The Emperors of Rome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augustus and the Julio-Claudian emperors		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The use of propaganda under Augustus• The character of Augustus' successors