

GCSE Classical Civilisation (OCR)

Paper 1 Topics

(age guide 14 - 16)

1 year course

Autumn 1:

Greek and Roman gods/goddesses – their responsibilities and symbols
Heracles/Hercules as a universal hero
Religion and the city: temples
Foundation stories: Athens and Rome (including Theseus, Aeneas, Romulus + Remus)

Spring 1:

Foundation stories continued
Festivals in Greece and Rome
Myths and symbols of power in architecture (Parthenon, Bassae Frieze, Ara Pacis and Prima Porta Augustus)

Summer 1:

Death and burial: Greek and Roman rituals towards dead bodies and funerals
Journeying to the Underworld: Hymn to Demeter, Orpheus and Eurydice