



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

Classical Civilisation A Level
OCR H408

Purpose of task:

To understand some of the Greek myths that have influenced the texts we will be studying at A Level.

Task:

You should make notes on:

- The War between the Titans and the Olympians
- The Judgement of Paris
- The Trojan War

A lot has been written about these myths, so it is important to select only the key points.

Once you have researched these myths, it is then up to you how you present the information – perhaps on a poster, leaflet, as a comic strip, or simply an A4 page of notes.

Recommended resources:

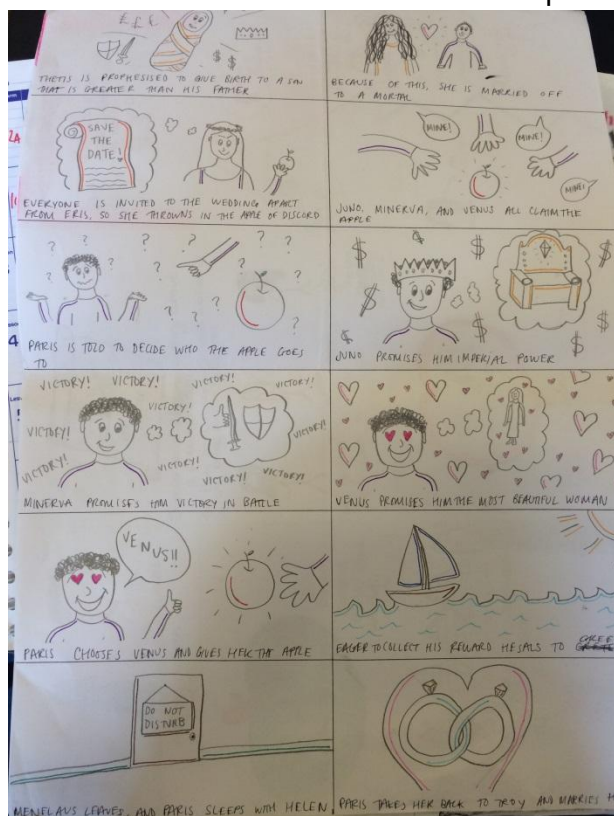
You will need to buy a copy of the *Odyssey*. You will also need a copy of the *Bacchae*, *Frogs* and *Oedipus the King*. See 'Essential Resources' below for details on the version to get.

The Penguin Book of Classical Myths by Jenny March (ISBN: 0141020776) provides an entertaining summary of the myths that we will be studying across Year 12 and 13.

Summaries of the Trojan War myths can be found online.

The film *Troy* is also worth watching.

Additional information: Below is an example of a comic strip showing the Judgement of Paris



Recommended reading & activities list:

It would be **helpful** to read *The Iliad* by Homer (ISBN: 0140447946). **This is not essential, though.** For the A Level, we will be studying the 'sequel' – the *Odyssey*.

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 14th September 2026

Required Stationery and Equipment for A Level Classical Civilisation

Leaver Arch File; lined paper and dividers.

Essential Resources

Year 1

Homer, *Odyssey*, trans. E.V. Rieu. ISBN: 0140449116

Euripides, *Bacchae*, trans. D. Franklin. ISBN: 052165372X

Sophocles, *Oedipus the King*, trans. R. Fagles. ISBN: 0140444254

Aristophanes, *Frogs*, trans. J. Affleck. ISBN: 0521172578

Year 2

Virgil, *Aeneid*, trans. D. West. ISBN: 0140449329

Things to Consider Throughout the Year

All other set texts will be provided.