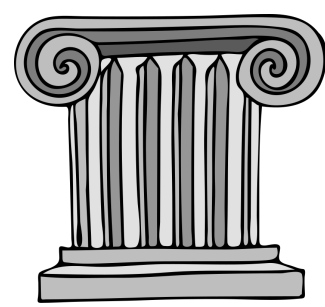


Enrichment: Classics Reading List



KS3

- ★ **"Percy Jackson & the Olympians" series by Rick Riordan**
 - A fun introduction to Greek mythology through modern adventures.
 - ★ **"The Children of the Gods" series by David Gilman**
 - Roman-based mythology and adventure for younger readers.
 - ★ **"The Roman Mysteries" series by Caroline Lawrence**
 - Detective novels set in ancient Rome that bring Roman culture and history to life.
 - ★ **"Tales from the Odyssey" by Mary Pope Osborne**
 - A retelling of *The Odyssey* for younger audiences.
 - ★ **"The Eagle of the Ninth" by Rosemary Sutcliff**
 - A historical adventure set in Roman Britain.
 - ★ **"Mythos" by Stephen Fry**
 - A wonderfully witty retelling of Greek myths, filled with Fry's signature humor and insights into the stories of gods and heroes.
 - ★ **"The Romans: History and Legacy" by Hazel Dodge**
 - A concise and accessible introduction to the Roman world.
 - ★ **"The Greeks: History, Culture, and Society" by Ian Morris**
 - A clear and engaging overview of Greek history and culture.
 - ★ **"The Greek Myths" by Robin Waterfield**
 - A great collection of classic Greek myths with a focus on storytelling.
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KS4

- ★ **"Circe" by Madeline Miller**
 - A powerful reimaging of the myth of Circe, offering depth to a character often seen as a mere antagonist in *The Odyssey*.
 - ★ **"Iliad" and "Odyssey" by Homer (translated by Emily Wilson)**
 - Essential readings, and Emily Wilson's translation of the *Odyssey* is particularly renowned for its clarity and approachability.
 - ★ **"The Aeneid" by Virgil (translated by David West)**
 - A fundamental Roman epic, key to understanding Roman identity and the mythology of Rome's foundation.
 - ★ **"The Silence of the Girls" by Pat Barker**
 - A novel that explores the lives of the women captured in the wake of the Trojan War, providing a fresh perspective on the *Iliad*.
 - ★ **"The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller**
 - A beautifully written novel that delves into the relationship between Achilles and Patroclus, ideal for understanding the emotional depth of Greek mythology.
 - ★ **"A Short History of Ancient Greece" by P. J. Rhodes**
 - A concise overview of Greek history.
 - ★ **"The Rise of Rome" by Anthony Everitt**
 - A detailed and narrative-driven history of how Rome grew from a city-state to a vast empire.
 - ★ **"Greek Mythology: A Traveler's Guide" by David Stuttard**
 - A combination of myth and travel guide, this book helps students connect the myths with real-world locations.
 - ★ **"The Classical World" by Robin Lane Fox**
 - A rich, engaging narrative of both Greek and Roman civilizations.
 - ★ **"The Odyssey" by Stephen Fry**
 - Fry's take on Homer's *Odyssey* offers a modern, readable version with his trademark wit, which helps bring the epic to life.
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KS5

- ★ **"Oedipus Rex" by Sophocles (translated by David Grene)**
 - A cornerstone of Greek tragedy, exploring fate, family, and the human condition.
- ★ **"Antigone" by Sophocles (translated by Robert Fagles)**
 - Another essential Greek tragedy, exploring themes of loyalty, duty, and justice.
- ★ **"The Last Roman" by J. E. Lendon**
 - A historical novel that follows the final days of the Western Roman Empire, focusing on Romulus Augustulus.
- ★ **"The House of the Vestals" by P. J. W. J. Stroud**
 - A gripping novel about the sacred and secretive lives of the Vestal Virgins.
- ★ **"The Gods of Olympus" by Barbara Graziosi**
 - A detailed exploration of the Greek gods and their influence on culture and history.
- ★ **"The Classical World: An Epic History from Homer to Hadrian" by Robin Lane Fox**
 - A detailed, comprehensive history of both the Greek and Roman worlds, perfect for A-level students.
- ★ **"The Death of Socrates" by Emily Wilson**
 - A philosophical exploration of Socrates' trial and execution, ideal for those interested in Greek philosophy.
- ★ **"Rome and the Mediterranean 290 to 146 BC" by G. L. Huxley**
 - A scholarly look at the rise of Rome's dominance in the Mediterranean world.
- ★ **"Greek Tragedy" by H. D. F. Kitto**
 - An essential academic text on the nature and legacy of Greek tragedy, ideal for A-level students of Greek drama.
- ★ **"Pompeii" by Robert Harris**
 - A gripping historical novel about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, offering a thrilling look at Roman life in Pompeii.
- ★ **"Imperium" by Robert Harris**
 - A political thriller set in ancient Rome, focusing on Cicero's rise in Roman politics. It's excellent for students interested in Roman history and politics.
- ★ **"A Thousand Ships" by Natalie Haynes**
 - A novel that retells the story of the Trojan War from the perspectives of the women involved, offering a fresh and feminist interpretation of Greek mythology.
- ★ **"The Furies" by Natalie Haynes**

- A continuation of her exploration into the roles of women in Greek mythology, focusing on the mythological consequences of the Trojan War.

★ **"The Ancient Greeks: Ten Ways They Shaped the Modern World" by Paul Cartledge**

- A thought-provoking book that explores how ancient Greek culture has influenced the modern world, ideal for deepening students' understanding of Greek civilization.