

# Classical Civilisation Preparation

## ANCIENT GREEK GODS Goddesses, Mythical Creatures & Myths



The very best thing to do is to get hold of the set books and begin to read them (Mrs Evans and I will give you these during your first lessons).

A recommended reading list is attached – these books can be borrowed from E5, borrowed from a library or even purchased 2<sup>nd</sup> hand. The more reading that you do the better!

There are a lot of good historical novels set in ancient Greece and Rome – this is my favoured way to learn about the past – choose from the attached list. I particularly recommend Mary Renault.

Anything that you watch on television to do with the Ancient World will be very helpful for you – whether this be documentaries and/or films. Everything from 300, Troy, Percy Jackson, BBC's Atlantis, Clash of the Titans will help build up your knowledge of the mythical world.

A few little tasks to get you started

Can you name the Greek and Roman Gods for the following?

Love, War, King and Queen of the Gods, Wisdom, Death (the Underworld), the Sea, Blacksmithing, Hunting, Music, Theatre

How many Greek myths do you know? Theseus, Perseus, Achilles, Jason, the Trojan War

Do you know any great stories from different cultures and civilisations? Beowulf etc.



## **The Bronze Age**

1. **The King Must Die** by Mary Renault
2. **The Bull from the Sea** by Mary Renault
3. **Last of the Amazons** by Steven Pressfield
4. **The Golden Fleece (also titled Hercules, My Shipmate)** by Robert Graves
5. **The Iliad** by Homer

## **The Classical Age**

### **Sparta Gets Started**

6. **The Wreckage of Agathon** by John Gardiner

### **Tyrants and Poets of Ionia's Golden Age**

7. **The Laughter of Aphrodite** by Peter Green
8. **The Praise Singer** by Mary Renault

### **The Coming of the Persians**

9. **Creation** by Gore Vidal
10. **Killer of Men** by Christian Cameron
11. **Marathon** by Christian Cameron
12. **Gates of Fire** by Steven Pressfield
13. **A Victor of Salamis** by William Stearns Davis

### **The Rise of the Athenian Empire**

14. **Pericles the Athenian** by Rex Warner
15. **Antigone's Wake** by Nicholas Nicastro

### **The Peloponnesian War (Athens vs. Sparta)**

16. **Tides of War** by Steven Pressfield
17. **The Isle of Stone** by Nicholas Nicastro
18. **The Last of the Wine** by Mary Renault

### **The Post-War Scramble: Asia, Syracuse, Spartan Decline and Macedon's Emergence**

19. **The Ten Thousand** by Michael Curtis Ford
20. **Tyrant** by Valerio Massimo Manfredi
21. **The Arrows of Hercules** by L. Sprague de Camp

**22. The Mask of Apollo by Mary Renault**

**23. The Fox by M.N.J. Butler**

**24. A Bloodline of Kings by Thomas Sundell**

## **Hellenism: Macedonia Reshapes the World**

### **The Age of Alexander**

**25. Fire from Heaven by Mary Renault**

**26. Memnon by Scott Oden**

**27. The Virtues of War by Steven Pressfield**

**28. The Persian Boy by Mary Renault**

**29. The Afghan Campaign by Steven Pressfield**

**30. God of War by Christian Cameron**

### **The Struggles of the Successors and the Fate of the West**

**31. Funeral Games by Mary Renault**

**32. Funeral Games by Christian Cameron**

**33. Gate to the Sea by Bryher**

**34. Besieger of Cities (also titled Elephants and Castles) by Alfred Duggan**

**35. The Sand Reckoner by Gillian Bradshaw**

**36. The Sun's Bride by Gillian Bradshaw**