

Exam Board & Course title: OCR Ancient History

Qualification: GCSE

Qan Code: 603/0664/6

Level of course: GCSE

Assessment Methods:

Two examination papers - 100%

Paper 1 - 50% - Greece and Persia

- Section A – five compulsory questions (55 marks)
- Section B – four compulsory questions (45 marks)
- Plus five marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

Paper 2 - 50% - Rome and its neighbours

- Section A – four compulsory questions (55 marks)
- Section B – four compulsory questions (45 marks)
- Plus five marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar

Both papers are 1 Hour and 45 Minutes

Course content:

A Period Study: The Persian Empire

- This focuses on the on the narrative of the Persian Empire under its great rulers:
 - Cyrus the Great
 - Cambyses II
 - Darius I
 - Xerxes I.
- It also looks at Persia's relations with Ancient Greece and Egypt

A Greek Depth Study: Alexander the Great, 356-323BC

- This unit will focus on the great Greek leader Alexander the Great and looks at:
 - Alexander's upbringing, character and beliefs – focusing on the Greek gods
 - Alexander's military campaigns
 - Significant events in Alexander's life – including burning, murders and marriages

A longer Period Study: The Kings of Rome and the early Roman Empire

- This unit explores the relationships between the kings, the Roman people and other countries; the changing role of plebeians and patricians, and Rome's growing influence in the ancient world

A Roman Depth Study: Cleopatra: Rome and Egypt, 69-30BC

- This unit will focus on Cleopatra and looks at:
 - Cleopatra's life and character
 - Cleopatra as Queen of Egypt
 - Cleopatra's political and personal relationships with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony
 - The Battle of Actium and its significance for Rome and Egypt

Skills you need:

- Listening skills
- Communication skills
- Ability to work within a group and independently
- An interest in the past and a desire to find things out
- Motivation

Skills you will acquire:

- Analytical and evaluative skills
- Thinking skills
- Problem solving
- Communication skills
- Literacy

Progression routes and linked careers:

This course would enable you to study History; Ancient History or Classics at A Level and then onto degree level. You will need a Grade 5 to do A Level History.

Linked careers include; working in a museum, Archaeologist, Teaching.

But it would also be useful for any career needing analytical and evaluative skills, for example; Banking, Law, Medicine or Accountancy.

Any questions see: Ms White (kwhite@levenshulmehigh.co.uk)