

FLYING START CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Welcome new students to Classical Civilisation. We are so much looking forward to meeting you in September. In the meantime, we would like you to start becoming engaged with the subject.

There are two tasks you need to complete over the summer holidays.

For **Greek Drama** we would like you to complete a mini research project on the Festival of Dionysus, otherwise known as the “Greater Dionysia” which was the theatrical event of the year in 5th century Athens. Some of the questions you should include in your project would be information about:

1. When was it performed?
2. Who performed?
3. Who organised it?
4. Who watched it?
5. Why did they go?
6. What did it look like?
7. What were the plays about?
8. Why was it considered a political event?
9. Who paid for it?
10. Write a paragraph on each of the following plays using the internet or your own knowledge and **cite your source**. *Oedipus, The Bacchae, Frogs*.
11. Write one paragraph on each of the following: Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes.

We would like a coloured booklet with images and information. The more colour and information the more likely you are to remember it all for the future. We expect a detailed and comprehensive piece of work showing some real effort. Please use as many sources as you can so you get a really good picture of what Greek Theatre was all about.

For **World of Hero** we would like you to answer the following questions to the best of your ability. You should look at the internet but do try to look at various sites rather than going straight to Wikipedia. We would like your answers to be as full as possible. We look forward to reading them.

The *Iliad* is set approximately 52 days before the end of the Trojan War which has been going on for nearly 10 years.

1. At the marriage of Thetis and Pelios Zeus refuses to ask Eris--the personification of strife and dissonance--to the wedding. She turns up anyway and as a result there is discord. What does she do which starts the turmoil off?
2. What are the names of the three goddesses who argue about this?
3. Paris has to make a choice. Why and what about?

4. When Paris achieves his desire it sets in the causation of the Trojan War. What caused the Trojan War to start? There is more than one supposed reason so do some detective work. Explain why and how and remember there is more than one explanation for this. Write about this in as much detail as you can. Use all the following names in your answer.
(Paris, Helen, Priam, Hector, the Sons of Atreus--Agamemnon and Menelaus)
5. Some of the Greek heroes are Greek heroes Achilles, Odysseus, Ajax, Diomedes, Patroklos, and Nestor. Look these characters up and write a paragraph on each noting some of the characteristics you can acknowledge.
6. Who is Cassandra? Find out how she affects the story in the *Iliad* and what happens to her.
7. Paris was saved by a goddess. Which one, why and what happened to him?
8. Where did the Ancient Greeks believe that Troy was located? When did it happen?
9. The main source for the story of the Trojan War is Homer. Write a paragraph about what you can find out about him.
10. Look at the image below and imagine what it is illustrating and write up what you think.

