

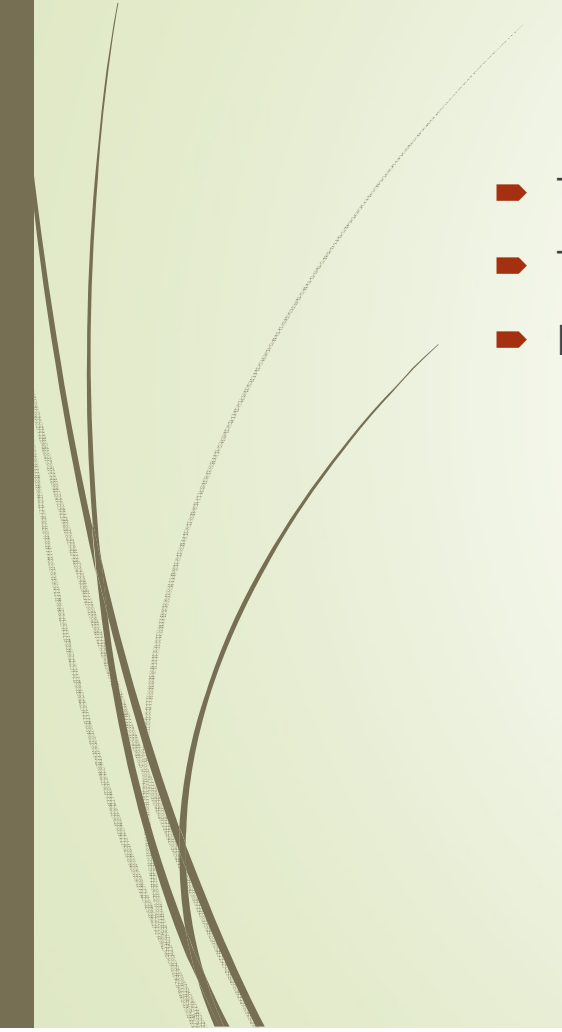


Classical Studies Study Skills

2nd Year



2nd Year Topics

- The Iliad
 - The Aeneid
 - Pompeii
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Junior Cert Paper Structure

- ▶ Section A – Short Answer Questions; 6 questions, answer 3. 8 marks each. (24 marks total)
- ▶ Section B – Essay style question. Can be asked as one straight question or split into two or three questions. (32 marks total)
- ▶ Section C – Unseen Document/Picture question. Will have 3 or 4 questions attached to it. (24 marks total)

- ▶ Total Marks per topic – 80
- ▶ Need 68/80 for A



Study

- ▶ Study by Topic, i.e. only ever focus on one of the texts
- ▶ Use the past papers to guide your study plus the notes taken in the book.
- ▶ Review the texts
- ▶ In general try to read more (does not have to be Classics!)



Section A

- Short Answer Questions
- Repetitive & Straightforward
- Past Papers + Practice + Repetition
- Keep them in a folder or copy.
- Label the years clearly
- Refer back to them regularly
- Will benefit essays and section C
- Spread time across all 3 topics



Section B

- Essay
- Are repetitive so focusing on themes is highly recommended, e.g. The role of the Gods
- Themes are covered in class
- Focus needs to be on using evidence from the text to demonstrate your knowledge
- Key names and events

Suggested ways to plan include: bullet points, flash cards, mind maps, spider diagrams, etc.

- Learning off essays is not suggested
- Practice – Don't need to write out every essay, planning can be more effective



Section C

- Documents and pictures are generally unseen and the majority of the 24 marks will be going for what is in the text with some marks being for general knowledge of the text (i.e. short answer question)
- Basic comprehension skills are important
- Question decipherment is important (the ability to recognise what is being asked and how many parts are there to the question)
- E.g. Based on your reading of the text what is your opinion of.....and why? (two parts to the question, clearly states it requires evidence)
- Practice is vital here and is the best way to study this section