

NATIONALS IN A NUTSHELL

The National Parent Forum of Scotland Summary of Classical Studies National 5

CLASSICAL
STUDIES
SOCIAL STUDIES

NATIONAL
5

3
UNITS

LIFE IN CLASSICAL GREECE
CLASSICAL LITERATURE
LIFE IN THE ROMAN WORLD

+
COURSE
ASSESSMENT

COURSE ASSESSMENT: ASSIGNMENT + QUESTION PAPER

What skills will my child develop?

- detailed factual knowledge and understanding of religious, political, social, moral or cultural aspects of life in classical Greek and Roman societies
- detailed factual knowledge and understanding of classical literature, to identify links between the classical and modern worlds (eg Scotland)
- investigating and communication skills to compare and contrast the classical and modern worlds
- the ability to use evidence (eg archaeology) to compare and contrast the classical and modern worlds
- the ability to comment on the usefulness of sources of evidence
- drawing reasoned conclusions from classical literature about universal ideas, themes or values
- researching and processing information and presenting findings
- analysis and evaluation



WHAT WILL MY CHILD EXPERIENCE DURING THE COURSE?

- Active and independent learning through self and peer evaluations, group feedback, reflecting on learning, making independent decisions
- A blend of classroom approaches whole class learning; group work and peer learning; visits; a question bank
- Collaborative learning: working in pairs, small groups or larger groups on researching and presenting topics or gathering and evaluating research; discussion; collaborative blogs; with partners in English, Social Studies, Sciences
- Space for personalisation and choice: learners can choose a topic or issue for their Assignment and their method of presenting findings
- Applying learning
- Embedding literacy and numeracy skills: reading; talking; listening; researching, presenting and analysing information; using technology.

ASSESSMENT

- To gain National 5, learners must pass all Units and the Course Assessment
- Units are assessed as pass or fail by the school/centre (following SQA external quality assurance to meet national standards)
- Unit assessment (or 'evidence of learning') could be presented in a variety of ways such as oral or electronic presentations, podcasts, essays, discussions, notes, multi-modal texts; wikis. A portfolio of work may be prepared
- The Course Assessment consists of a Question Paper (exam) and an Assignment which requires learners to research a classical studies topic or issue and write it up under timed conditions. Both will be marked by the SQA and graded A to D.

National 5 progresses onto Higher Classical Studies

For more detailed course information:

SQA: Classical Studies National 5: www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47445.html

Education Scotland: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/nationalqualifications/index.asp

Curriculum for Excellence Key Terms and Features Factfile:

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/CfEFactfileOverview_tcm4-665983.pdf



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