

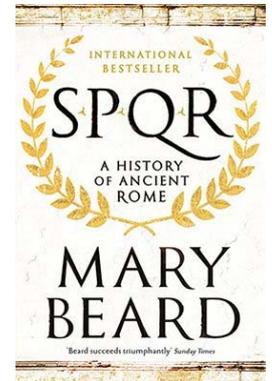
Extra reading, watching, listening and places to visit:

All of the books, videos, podcasts and historical sites below will give fantastic background knowledge and experiences which will help you with your study of the Ancient Greek and Roman worlds you'll be studying. You don't have to take notes while reading, listening or watching: just enjoy them. When we study the two ancient worlds you'll be able to match up what you've read, heard, seen, and experienced to what you will learn about in lessons.

Extra reading

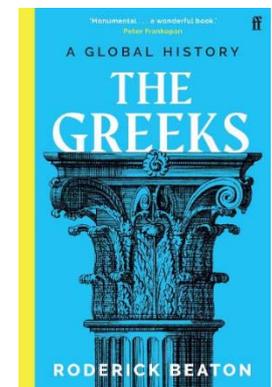
SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome by Professor Mary Beard.

Throughout *SPQR*, Mary Beard charts how over a thousand years, Rome went from an insignificant village in Italy to having a territory covering almost all of Europe, north Africa and into the Middle East. She makes it very clear and relevant how Ancient Rome still matters and how their stories still resonate so neatly with our world today. This book, whilst being incredibly well written, will give you excellent insight into Ancient Rome from one of our greatest historians.



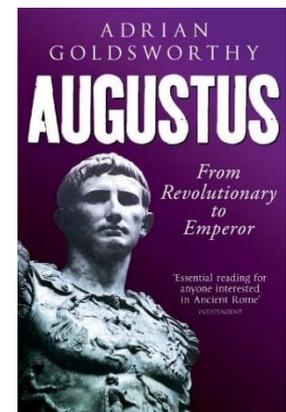
The Greeks: A Global History by Professor Roderick Beaton.

This book chronicles the Ancient Greek world, how they came to dominate so much of the Mediterranean, how their culture spread, but more importantly, how their ideas and beliefs have shaped the modern world. This book will give you a great understanding for the Homer poem, *Odyssey*, and the unit on Greek Religion we'll be studying.



Augustus: From Revolutionary to Emperor by Dr. Adrian Goldsworthy.

Adrian Goldsworthy is a noted historian of Ancient Rome whose historical fiction I highly recommend as he manages to convey a feeling of what that time in history truly was. He takes that same ability into his various non-fiction historical works, with the main highlight being this one. The Imperial Image unit and Virgil's *Aeneid* are all based around Augustus, how he became Emperor and how Rome saw themselves in the wider world. This book is useful to understand that dynamic.

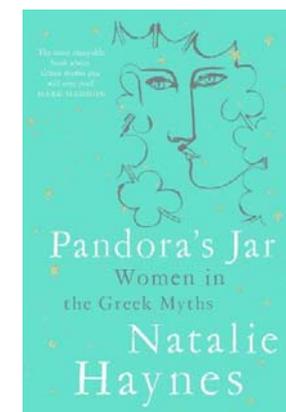


Pandora's Jar: Women in the Greek Myths by Natalie Haynes.

This book will offer you a great insight into the world of Greek mythology and its importance, but from a much-misunderstood perspective: the women. As opposed to focusing on Zeus or Agamemnon amidst other Greek mythological men, Haynes draws your focus to the women of their stories and give them voice. Haynes has re-written many Greek myths into a female centred position, but this is an excellent starting point.

Historical fiction

Historical fiction is a great way to understand and envision the time period, so here are some novelists I highly recommend: Ben Kane (a personal favourite), Simon Scarrow, Natalie Haynes, Conn Iggulden, Lindsey Davis and many more.



Extra watching and listening

The Complete History of the Roman Empire by Professor Mary Beard on History Hit.

This series of documentaries by Mary Beard chronicle the rise and consolidation of the Roman Empire and how it functioned. She does an excellent job of not just focusing on the rulers, but spends equal time showing what life was like for most, rather than the few. The QR code will take you to the documentary on YouTube.

Troy (2004)

This film follows the Trojan siege and war, which is a key founding story for both Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. You will read about it in the literature module, but this is a reasonably accurate depiction of the war and siege. Its action scenes are incredible and truly shows the warfare of the time period, which is a key element we'll study, alongside the role Gods play in deciding human fate. The QR code takes you to the Amazon prime store.

The History of Rome by Mike Duncan, podcast.

This podcast was a weekly series where Mike Duncan chronicled the history of the Roman Empire right from its first founding to its collapse in extraordinary detail. This will give you a lot of extra contextual knowledge.

Places to visit

The British Museum, London

This museum has excellent exhibits from all over the world and covers a wide variety of histories which include items from both Ancient Greece and Rome. The museum, when visited properly, would take a full day or more to see everything. The museum does an excellent job of showing the artefacts and items from the time period in context, so would be of great benefit to visit.

London Mithraeum.

During recent building work for Bloomberg's new headquarters in London, they found an Ancient Roman temple which has been incredibly well preserved for centuries. They've restored the majority of it and have created a museum to show the temple at large and what would have happened in Roman London nearly 2,000 years ago! Best of all, it's free!

Labyrinth: Knossos, Myth & Reality at the Ashmolean Oxford.

This exhibit is only open until the 30th of July but one which is worth trying to see! It explores much of Greek mythology, but particularly the minotaur and labyrinth believed to have been on Crete in Greece. One of the most eye-opening exhibits around at the moment. The QR code takes you to the page.

