Ancient History

Resource list

General Year 11 and Year 12
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This list of resources was prepared using the advice provided by the Course Advisory Committee. These resources were available at the time this list was compiled.

**Print resources**

**Unit 1 – Ancient civilisations and cultures**

There are 15 electives for this unit. The following Ancient History texts may provide useful starting points.

  This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Ancient Australia and the First Peoples elective.

  This is suitable as a student text, providing ancient source material and covering the Mesopotamian societies.

  This is suitable as a student text, providing ancient source material and covering both Egyptian electives.

  This is suitable as a student reference for the Classical Greece c. 490–c. 323 BC elective with some inclusion of ancient source material.

  This is suitable as a student and teacher reference with inclusion of ancient source material.

  This is suitable as a student and teacher reference and the text contains a wide range of ancient source material.

  Suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Roman Britain elective.

  This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Mesoamerican societies elective.

  This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Celts elective.

  This is suitable as a teacher reference.
This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Mesoamerican societies elective.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Mycenaean civilisation and Late Bronze Age Greece electives.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Units 1 and 2.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher resource for the skills of historical inquiry and use of evidence (written and archaeological). It provides useful information on a number of the Unit 1 electives.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher resource, providing information on a number of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 electives. It contains some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for the Vikings elective.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for the Ancient Australia and the First Peoples elective. The text includes archaeological source evidence.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher resource for the skills of historical inquiry and use of evidence (written and archaeological). It provides useful information on a number of the suggested electives for Unit 1.

This is suitable as a teacher reference, providing ancient source material and covering both Egyptian electives.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This provides a useful overview of Ancient Egypt along with comprehensive maps and numerous illustrations.
This provides a useful overview of Ancient Greece along with comprehensive maps and numerous illustrations.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Vikings elective. The text includes archaeological evidence.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Late Bronze Age Greece and Troy elective.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.

This provides a useful overview of Ancient Rome along with comprehensive maps and numerous illustrations.

This is provides a useful overview of Ancient Egypt and is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for the Mesopotamian societies.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for the Minoan civilisation elective.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

**Unit 2 – Power in the ancient world**

There are 24 electives for this unit. The Ancient History texts listed may provide useful starting points in addition to those listed for Unit 1.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.
This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 1 and 2, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference. This text examines the source and archaeological evidence along with the legends of Alexander the Great.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Unit 2, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for the electives on Cao Cao and Liu Bei.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Units 1 and 2.


This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for Unit 2, providing some ancient source material.


This is suitable as a student and teacher reference. This text examines the archaeological evidence along with the legends concerning the Mauryan leader.


This is suitable as a student text and teacher resource, providing information on a range of leaders covered in Unit 2. It contains some ancient source material.


This is suitable as a teacher reference for the Egyptian electives from both Units 1 and 2, providing some ancient source material.


This is suitable as a teacher reference.


This is suitable as a teacher reference containing biographies of major figures in Ancient Greece.


This is suitable as a teacher reference containing biographies of major figures in Ancient Rome.


ISBN: 9781931707909

This is suitable as a teacher reference.


This is suitable as a teacher reference.


This is suitable as a teacher reference.


This is suitable as a student and teacher reference.
Unit 3 – Societies and change

Elective 1: Old Kingdom Egypt, Dynasty 3–6 c. 2181 BC

This is suitable as a teacher reference covering aspects of daily life in Ancient Egypt.

This is suitable as a teacher reference, providing a history of Egyptology and Egyptian archaeology and covering the time periods of both Units 3 and 4. This book contains extensive ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference containing a great deal of visual material and covering aspects of daily life in Ancient Egypt.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4, providing a chronological history of Egypt and containing ancient source material.

Elective 2: Egypt, Dynastic change, Dynasty 17–18 c. 1560–c. 1504 BC (the wars against the Hyksos to Amenhotep I) and Dynasty 18–19 (Ay to Rameses II) c. 1327–c. 1213 BC

This is suitable as a teacher reference, providing a history of Egyptology and Egyptian archaeology and covering the time periods of both Units 3 and 4. This book contains extensive ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Rameses II and the Battle of Kadesh.
This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4, providing a chronological history of Egypt and containing ancient source material.

**Elective 3: Emergence of the Greek City states in the archaic period to the fall of the Pisistratid Tyranny in Athens c. 800–512/11 BC**

This is suitable as a student text covering both Units 3 and 4 with some inclusion of ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference containing ancient and modern source material for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. This is a reprint of the 1975 McMillan edition and covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference and student text. It contains biographies of major figures in Units 3 and 4.

**Elective 4: The establishment of Rome from the beginning of the Republic to the end of the Punic Wars c. 509–146 BC**

This is suitable as a student text covering both Units 3 and 4 with some inclusion of ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. The text covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.
Elective 5: Rome, the Late Republic to the Lex Manilia c. 133–66 BC

This is suitable as a student text covering both Units 3 and 4 with some inclusion of ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. The text covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference or student text. It contains biographies of major figures in Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a student text and a teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. The text covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

Elective 6: China from the time of the Warring States to the rise and fall of the Qin dynasty c. 475–c. 206 BC

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.
Unit 4 – Confrontation and resolution

Elective 1: Egypt, Dynastic struggles and Empire, Tuthmosis II, Tuthmosis III and Hatshepsut c. 1492–1425 BC

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Unit 2, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference for Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference. It contains some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4, providing a chronological history of Egypt and containing ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

Elective 2: Egypt, Akhenaten and the Amarna Revolution, Amenhotep IV/Akenaten to the death of Horemheb c. 1352–c. 1295 BC

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference. It contains some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a student text and teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4, providing some ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Unit 4 and provides a different perspective of Akhenaten.
This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4, providing a chronological history of Egypt and containing ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

**Elective 3: Philip II and Alexander the Great of Macedon and the wars of the successors 382–c. 281 BC**

This is suitable as a teacher reference. This is a reprint of the 1975 McMillan edition and covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a student and teacher reference. This text examines the source and archaeological evidence along with the legends of Alexander the Great.

**Elective 4: The conflict of the Greeks and the Persian Empire to the Battles of Plataea and Mycale, from 512/11–479/78 BC**

This is suitable as a student text covering both Units 3 and 4 with some inclusion of ancient source material.

This is suitable as a teacher reference containing ancient and modern source material for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. This is a reprint of the 1975 McMillan edition and covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

Ehrenberg, V. (2010). *From Solon to Socrates: Greek history and civilization during the 6th And 5th centuries B.C.* great Britain: Taylor & Francis Ltd. ISBN: 9780415584876
This is suitable as a teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference and student text. It contains biographies of major figures in Units 3 and 4.

**Elective 5: Rome from Pompey’s Eastern Command to the First Settlement of Augustus**

This is suitable as a student text covering both Units 3 and 4 with some inclusion of ancient source material.
This is suitable as a teacher reference. The text covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a student text and a teacher reference for both Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference or student text. It contains biographies of major figures in Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference. The text covers the time-periods of both Units 3 and 4.

**Elective 6: China, the Han Dynasty, imperial rule both within and outside 206 BC–AD 220**

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference for Units 3 and 4.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.

This is suitable as a teacher reference.
Electronic resources for Ancient History

The following links will direct you to websites outside the School Curriculum and Standards Authority site. The Authority has no control over the content of materials accessible on the sites that are cross-referenced. It is the responsibility of the user to make decisions about the relevance and accuracy, currency and reliability of information found on these websites. Linking to these sites should not be taken as endorsement of any kind. We cannot guarantee that the links will work all of the time and we have no control over availability of the linked pages. It is your responsibility to check that this information is accurate.

1. Akhenaten
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00mwsly
   Melvyn Bragg, Elizabeth Frood, Richard Parkinson and Kate Spence discuss the ruler who brought revolutionary change to ancient Egypt, Akhenaten. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

2. Alexander the Great
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06d9bkx
   Melvyn Bragg, Paul Cartledge, Diana Spencer and Rachel Mairs discuss the legend and legacy of Alexander the Great. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

3. Ashoka the Great
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0511tm1
   Melvyn Bragg, Jessica Frazier, Naomi Appleton and Richard Gombrich discuss the edicts of Ashoka the Great and their importance to our understanding of ancient India. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

4. Archaeology
   http://www.archaeology.org/
   This web site is a production of the Archaeological Institute of America. The ‘Interactive digs’ section allows students to explore a number of archaeological dig sites currently operating around the world. There are notes and videos concerning daily life on the dig sites, discoveries and the archaeological teams involved.

5. BBC: History
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/
   This web site contains a wide range of material on Ancient Civilisations (topics include: archaeology, Egyptians, Greeks, British Prehistory, Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Saxons, Ancient India and Other Cultures). The information is presented as animations, videos, written history, games, puzzles, activities, etc.

6. Boudicca
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00r7lr9
   Melvyn Bragg, Juliette Wood, Richard Hingley and Miranda Aldhouse-Green discuss the life and mythology surrounding Boudicca the East Anglian leader who led a rebellion against the Roman forces in Britain. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

7. British Museum
   http://www.britishmuseum.org/
   This web site contains an extensive range of information, artefacts, videos, and activities covering Ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome.

8. China’s Warring States period
   http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p004y24k
   Melvyn Bragg, Chris Cullen, Vivienne Lo, and Carol Michaelson discuss the Chinese Golden age. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.
9. Curiosity.Com from Discovery Channel
https://curiosity.com/search/?q=ancient+history&ref=tn
This web site contains information, videos, and animations related to a range of Ancient History topics and time-periods.

10. Hannibal
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01n6s03
Melvyn Bragg, Ellen O’Gorman, Mark Woolmer and Louis Rawlings discuss the life of Hannibal one of the most celebrated military leaders in history. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

11. Hatshepsut
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04n62jx
Melvyn Bragg, Elizabeth Frood, Kate Spence and Campbell Price discuss Hatshepsut considered by some scholars to be one of the most successful and influential of the pharaohs. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

12. History Channel
http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history
This web site includes articles, short videos, photographic galleries and infographics on a number of ancient civilisations, individuals and events.

13. HistoryWiz Primary Sources
http://www.historywiz.com/primarysources/primarysources.html
The site contains a range of written and visual source material which may be useful in the construction of source analysis tasks.

14. Istanbul Archaeological Museums
http://www.istanbularcheoloji.gov.tr/main_page
There are three museums represented on this site. The Archaeological Museum has collections of artefacts from Istanbul/ Byzantium and the surrounding cultures such as Thrace-Bithynia, Anatolia and Troy, Syria, Palestine and Cyprus. The Ancient Orient Museum has collections of Pre-Islamic Arabian Art, Egyptian, Mesopotamian, Anatolian, and Urartu artefacts, and Cuneiform Documents. The Tiled Kiosk Museum has collections of Seljuk and Ottoman artefacts.

15. Internet Ancient History Sourcebook: Greece
http://www.fordham.edu/Halsall/ancient/asbook07.asp
This site is organised by time-periods and themes. It contains full texts of Egyptian, Greek and Roman sources which are useful for the construction of source analysis tasks.

16. Johns Hopkins Archaeological Museum
http://archaeologicalmuseum.jhu.edu/
This web site allows the viewing of the Museum’s collection and information on the latest research of the staff and students of Johns Hopkins University.

17. Julius Caesar
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04jlygw
Melvyn Bragg, Christopher Pelling, Catherine Steel and Maria Wyke discuss the life, work and reputation of Julius Caesar. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

18. Livius
http://www.livius.org/
This website covers many ancient societies and different aspects of ancient history. It is written and maintained by the Dutch historian Jona Lendering.
The museum collection comprises the prehistoric antiquities collection which includes works from the Aegean civilisations; the sculptures collection which shows the development of ancient Greek sculpture from the 7th to the 5th centuries BC; and the Egyptian and Near Eastern Antiquities collection which includes works dating from the pre-dynastic period (5000 BC) to the Roman period.

20. NSW HSC online – Charles Sturt University  
http://hsc.csu.edu.au/ancient_history/societies/greece/  
This web site has information on the ancient societies of Egypt, Greece, the Near East and Rome.

21. Perseus Digital Library  
http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/  
This site enables text searches to locate source material from an extensive range of Ancient Greek and Roman authors which is very useful for the construction of source analysis tasks. Epigraphic material is available in translation.

22. Rome Reborn  
http://romereborn.frischerconsulting.com/  
A 3D digital model of Ancient Rome from the first settlement in c. 1000 BC to its downfall in the early Middle Ages c. AD 550.

23. Sparta  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00nvz72  
Melvyn Bragg, Paul Cartledge, Edith Hall and Angie Hobbs discuss Sparta the ancient Greek city-state and the political ideas it spawned. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

24. Spartacus  
http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03wq2p3  
Melvyn Bragg, Mary Beard, Maria Wyke and Theresa Urbainczyk discuss the life of Spartacus who led a major slave rebellion against the Roman Republic in the 1st Century BC. This is an audio file that can be downloaded as an MP3.

25. The Internet Classics Archive  
http://classics.mit.edu/index.html  
Full texts of classical works are available from this site.

26. Time Team  
http://www.channel4.com/programmes/time-team  
This web site contains information, interactive timelines, glossaries and video clips related to British archaeology and History.

27. Virtual Rome  
https://www.reading.ac.uk/classics/research/Virtual-Rome.aspx  
Dr Matthew Nicholls of the Department of Classics at the University of Reading has developed a digital model of the entire ancient city of Rome.
Professional associations

- **History Teachers Association of Western Australia**
  [www.htawa.org](http://www.htawa.org)
  HTAWA provides support for both teachers and students through conferences, professional development, student seminar days and support materials.

- **History Teachers Association of Australia**
  This national association provides information and links to each state association and provides support for the national conference each year.

- **Macquarie Ancient History Association**
  The Macquarie Ancient History Association is based at the Macquarie University, and provides support for both teachers and students through professional development and resources.

Journals

- **Bulletin** published four times a year by HTAWA. Available as part of the membership.
  [www.htawa.org](http://www.htawa.org)

- **Hindsight** published once a year by HTAWA. Available as part of the membership.
  [www.htawa.org](http://www.htawa.org)

- **Teaching History Journal** published by the History Teachers’ Association of NSW. Available as part of the membership, but also available to purchase.

- **Agora** published four times a year by HTAV. Available as part of the membership, but also available for purchase.
  [http://www.htav.asn.au/about/list/asset_id/6/cid/14/parent/0/t/about](http://www.htav.asn.au/about/list/asset_id/6/cid/14/parent/0/t/about)

- **Teaching History Journal** The Historical Association (UK).
  This is available for purchase.

State courses and documents

Relevant information can be found in interstate curriculum. The home pages for the interstate jurisdictions are as follows. Once you have accessed the site, follow the links to the particular area you want to consult.