

Ancient World / Classics Essay Competition 2012

This essay competition is for Lower Sixth Formers. It is aimed at anyone with an interest in the Ancient World – whether that interest is linguistic, literary, historical, philosophical or archaeological.

Essay topic

Choose one of the following titles:

- 1) How important is the historical context of production to understanding and appreciating ancient literature?
- 2) "*We see women in the ancient world only through the eyes of men.*" Do you agree? How does this affect the study of women in the ancient world?
- 3) Did racism exist in the ancient world?
- 4) Why did Plato write dialogues?
- 5) "In the ancient world, the sea always linked rather than divided people." Discuss.

All topics can be discussed with reference to any periods, texts and/or objects of your choice. The titles are intentionally wide-ranging in order for you to be able to find the angle you want to take.

Competition Rules

The word limit is 2500 words. Submitted essays must be typed in English, and every page should be marked with the entrant's name. All entrants must cite sources and secondary literature and provide a list of references at the end of the essay.

Entrants will be required to enter their details online and send the essay by email as a .PDF file. Teachers will be contacted to certify that the essay is the entrant's own work, and not part of any coursework submitted for an examination.

We regret that it will not be possible for us to provide individual feedback on essays. The judges' general response to the field of entries will be posted on the Fitzwilliam College Ancient World & Classics webpage.

How to enter

Details of how to enter and submit essays will be available on the Fitzwilliam College website when the competition opens.

Closing date

The closing date for entries is 2nd March 2012.

Prizes

Prizes and certificates will be awarded at the Fitzwilliam College Arts Open Day on Saturday 28th April 2012. The prize fund is £300, including a first prize of £200. Certificates of merit may be awarded to runners-up who have impressed the judges.

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