**CLASSICAL CONNECTIONS**

**Welcome to Classical Connections:**

This class will be a new experience for you and unlike any other class you have ever taken. It is a required and unique piece of your Classical Academy education here at Haverhill High School and I hope it will be exciting, challenging, and fun! This course is an entire year and will covera variety of topics and themes, some which will be directly related to your Classical Academy core classes and some indirectly related to your courses.

This course includes research of specific topics that are developed within the unit studied.

**Introduction of the material>research>gathering and organizing of information>introduction of a creative piece>process and production>presentation and assessment**

One of our first explorations will be working on a Prezi program gathering and organizing material and designing a Classical Newspaper in Ancient Greece. This will be our first insight into Ancient Greece and it will be the introduction into the direction this course will follow.

During the research piece, we will investigate a subject, theme question, using the Internet. We will review and follow protocol for the Internet research regarding plagiarism, fair use, Internet safety, etc. We will be using multiple MAC and PC Programs to write essays, poetry, research papers, create newsletters, brochures, etc.

Following the research piece we will work in more traditional mediums in the art studio translating the subject once more.

**Some of the Classical Academy directly related topics we will explore this year:**

* Greet & Roman Mythology
* Greek & Roman Architecture
* Greek & Roman Sculpture
* Pompeii: Daily Life in Ancient Rome
* Medieval Life
* The Renaissance
* Other Topics: *The Iliad,* *Dante’s Inferno*, Arthurian Legends, Creation Myths

**Grading:**

Research/Papers 30%

Studio Art 30%

Presentations 15%

Exams 15%

Participation & Attendance 10%

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