

Task Name: Half Yearly HSC Exam	Units: Core Study, Ancient Societies
Task Distributed: Week 7	Date: Thursday April 3 rd , 2025 (Week 9A)
Task Type: Written Exam	Syllabus Outcomes: AH12-3, AH12-4, AH12-5, AH12-6, AH12-9
Task Weighting: 20% and 100% of the school report	Task number for Course: 2

Task Description:

The Half Yearly HSC Exam consists of TWO sections. Students will have 5 minutes reading time and 2 hours to answer all questions.

Section 1: Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum

- Short answer questions
- Short answer source-based questions
- Total marks: 35
- Allow 65 minutes for this section.

Section II: Ancient Societies – Spartan Society to the Battle of Leuctra 371 BC

- Short answer questions
- Short answer source-based questions
- Total marks: 30
- Allow 55 minutes for this section.

Total exam mark: 65

NESA Glossary of Key Words

- **Outline:** Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of
- **Describe:** Provide characteristics and features
- **Explain:** relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how
- **Discuss:** Identify issues and provide points for and/or against
- **Evaluate:** identify components and the relationship between them; draw out and relate implications
- **Assess:** make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size
- *Understand the verb associated with the task. The verb will provide an understanding of the detail needed to successfully answer the question.*

Details of Submission:

- The task will be completed in exam conditions during the scheduled period on the Thursday 3rd April 2025.
- Students will have 2 hours to complete the exam.
- Student must write using black pen.
- Writing paper will be provided. Extra writing booklets are available.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring notes into the exam.

Absences on the day will be dealt with in accordance with school policies.

Assessment Procedures

All students should be fully aware of the school assessment procedures. Students should access their 2025 Assessment Guide for more information.

Feedback provided

- The task will be typically returned to students within two school weeks of the submission date.
- At this time feedback including information on how to improve will be delivered through mechanisms such as marking criteria, and/or written comments.
- Students can clarify or seek further feedback by arranging to meet with their teacher.

Self-Reflection Component

Students will be required to complete a self-reflection worksheet at the time students receive their assessment mark and teacher feedback. Self-reflection is an important part of the learning process as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the strength of your performance, as well as areas that have been identified to strengthen in future tasks.

What Areas of Learning will this Assessment Task Report On?

In this task you will be assessed on your ability to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the Core Study: Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum and the Ancient Societies – Spartan Society to the Battle of Leuctra 371 BC
- Apply knowledge of the course content and historical terminology
- Demonstrate ability to integrate and analyse sources

Marking Criteria

Marking criteria will be provided after the exam and will be modelled on the marking criteria for section I and II of the HSC.