

Book Review

Atlas of Classical History

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When studying and teaching the Classical World, it can be quite difficult to picture the scale of civilisations or their geographic development over time. Some students can probably picture in their minds the provinces at the height of the Roman Empire, and perhaps to a lesser extent something like Alexander the Great's conquest. For students, who have had much less exposure to the Classical world, especially at the beginning of their education, imagining the geographic layout

and development will be more of a challenge. This is where the *Atlas of Classical History* becomes an incredibly helpful tool in the classroom.

Maps are incredibly helpful to provide students with a clearer illustration of the overarching topics that are being studied. The maps featured throughout the book are detailed and clear, with an abundance of information which is clearly explained and labelled. This makes the book a useful pedagogical tool to have projected onto a board using a tool like a visualiser to help students when discussing and narrating a particular topic or module. This would be especially useful for classrooms delivering GCSE and A level content due to the breadth and depth of the content taught. The maps also have information about economic links and other themes for which the maps in this book will provide important visualisation.

In addition, the commentary that accompanies each of the over 135 maps in the book is hugely accessible not only to scholars, but a wider readership, meaning that students can explore this book on their own, as well as being led by a teacher as part of a classroom activity.

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