

Competition 10: Greek and Roman Thinking

Read Strabo's [Geography book VI chapter 4](#) on how Italy's geographical position prepared it for the leading role in the Mediterranean world. Compare this to [book V chapter 3](#) on Rome and its immediate surroundings.

Consider these three questions:

- What assumptions about human society and the influence of the environment on it does Strabo make?
- Does he think society can evolve?
- How would you critique Strabo's assumptions if you met him today?

Write a script for a short three scene play (800 words max.), where Strabo time travels to present-day Rome. Were his assumptions correct? Optionally, you could film your play (5 minutes max.) and send us the video. Be creative, argumentative, and prepared to challenge the questions!

How to enter

1. Complete your competition entry and make sure it follows the guidelines listed below
2. Fill out the [Competition Cover Sheet](#)
3. Email your entry and your cover sheet as attachments to us at inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Terms & Conditions

1. You must complete the [Competition Cover Sheet](#) and submit it along with your entry to inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk before the closing date. If we do not receive a completed cover sheet with your entry, we will NOT be able to consider the entry.
2. The competition closes at **5pm on 26 April 2021**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own and should be 500 words or less. Please include your name on both the cover sheet AND the entry.
4. Unless specified otherwise, written work and images should be submitted in Word or PDF format, and should be emailed as attachments. Please do NOT use file-sharing systems such as SharePoint or Google Docs.
5. Competition entries from pupils in Year 10 will be evaluated separately from pupils in Year 11.
6. Competition winners will be contacted via email about two weeks after the competition's closing date. Two sets of the following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. 1st place: £20 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - b. 2nd place: £10 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - c. Up to 5 top entries: entry listed on Inspire Digital