

2019
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NATIONAL CLASSICS WEEK PACKET

APRIL 15 - APRIL 21

What is NCW?

National Classics Week is the JCL's annual celebration of the civilizations of Greece and Rome and their continuing impact upon our contemporary culture, language, arts, etc. All around the country, we invite members of the JCL and admirers of the Classics to carry out community service and publicity projects that give back to their local communities while promoting the enduring legacy of the Classical Greco-Roman languages and civilizations. The festivities will culminate in a celebration of the founding of Rome that occurred 2,772 years ago on April 21st. We invite you to join us in paying homage to the languages and cultures we love best.

This year's theme is:

Ancient Cities

We look forward to seeing what each of you from around the country has in store. Please note that the festivities that we have listed on each day are simply suggestions and do not have to be on that specific day.

We know how excited you are and we cannot wait to share in the festivities. On the NJCL website, you can find the Proclamation Acquisition Packet that will guide you in sending out promotional documentation to local municipalities and state officials. Best wishes and a Happy National Classics Week!

Sincerely,
Your 2018-19 NJCL Officers

NCW 2019

PROMO VIDEO



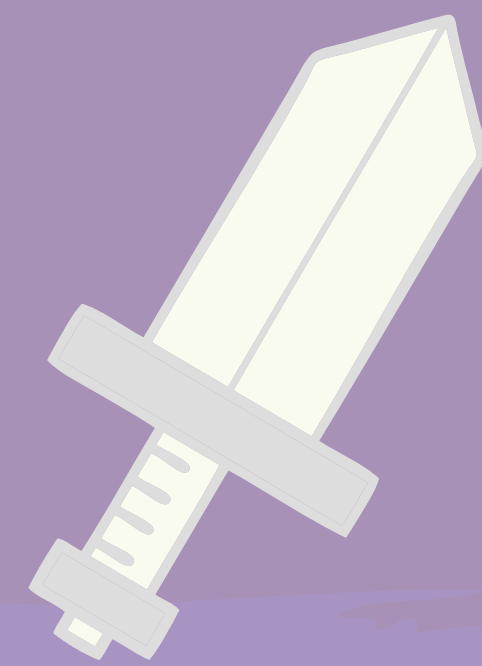
Please keep a look out for our video on the NJCL website. Coming soon...!

SPARTA

~Famous for physical fitness~

SERVICE!

- Make a Relay For Life team
- Organize a Ludi Day for local youth
- Start a "Spartan Fitness Challenge"



Sparta, famous for its strong army, was a military state. Compared to that of other cities, Sparta's strict culture did not yield itself well to luxurious lifestyles for the citizens. The city was comprised of three types of people: those who paid taxes, those who served in the army, and non-citizens who were protected by law. As the iconic line from the movie 300 states, "THIS IS SPARTA!"

-Anika Park, NJCL Editor

CARTHAGE

~Famous for trading and sailing~



SPIRIT/SERVICE!

- Host a canned food drive
- Get your chapter together for a beach cleanup
- Begin your ocean-themed plans for spirit during Nationals



As Seneca famously said, "*per aspera ad astra*," or, "to the stars through difficulties." Despite our differences, through cooperation we can achieve anything! Today, collaborate with your fellow JCLers, and in the Carthaginian spirit of trade, run a food drive, or simply make an effort to effect positive change together!

-Jesse Hogan, NJCL Historian

THEBES

~The birthplace of Hercules~

SPIRIT!

- Host a movie night and watch Hercules with your chapter
- Take time to learn about wealthy Theban kings, and queens

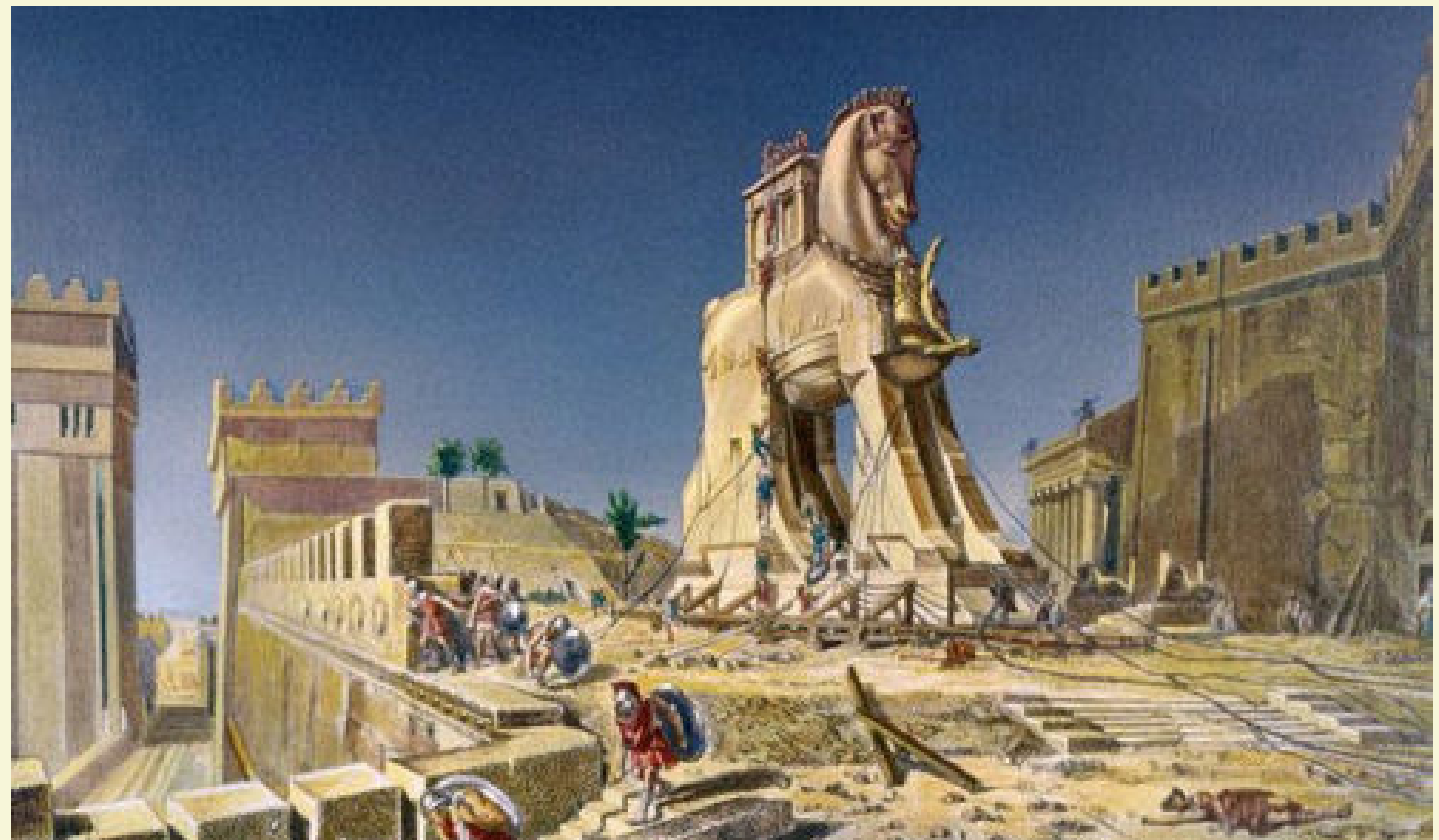


In true idealistic and romanticized form, the city of Thebes serves as the setting for numerous myths (Oedipus, Cadmus, Hercules' Labors, etc.). It was the largest city in the region of Boeotia, Greece and had a rich history complete with battles against Spartan forces and alliances with the Persians! Spend some time reading or watching some movies about the stories and turmoil that made it famous.

-Layla Fistos, NJCL Parliamentarian

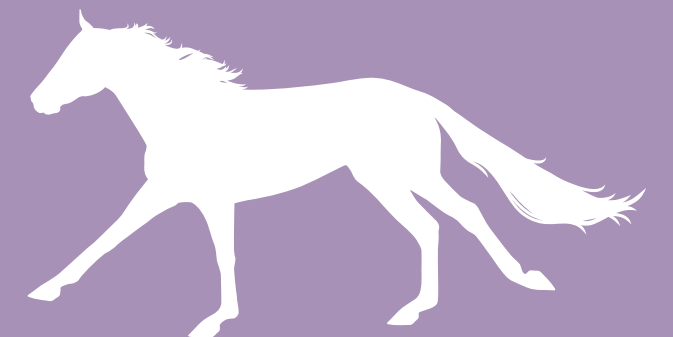
TROY

~Known for the Trojan War~



SPIRIT/SERVICE!

- Construct wooden horse models from popsicle sticks
- Read the story of the Trojan War to senior citizens



Edmund Burke said, "*People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.*" Just as the JCL recognizes ancient Rome's impact on modern day society, the Romans looked to the city of Troy as their inspiration and the forefather of their society's legacy. On the fourth day of National Classics Week, join your JCL friends in celebrating the great city of Troy and appreciate the work that those before you have contributed to the opportunities you have today.

-Natalie Hilderbrand, NJCL
Communications Coordinator

ATHENS

~Famous for democracy~

SPIRIT!

- Host a mock trial or debate
- Teach young JCLers the value of democracy, Plato and Socrates
- Connect with your "JCL niche/genius" - engage in art, writing, science, and philosophical discussion



Athens: the center of art, science, and philosophy, home to famous philosophers, and the birthplace of democracy. You can't have an ancient cities theme without Athens! On this day, celebrate and appreciate the people and ideas that originated from here by holding a mock election with voting or teaching young students about Plato and Socrates – but don't be afraid to think outside the box. Be like the Athenians and use your creativity to the fullest!

-Michaela Phan, NJCL 2nd VP

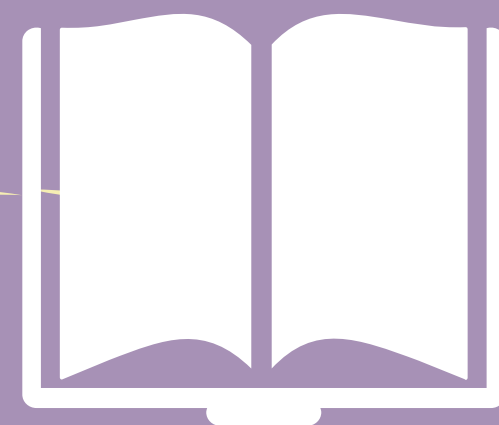
ALEXANDRIA

~Famous for the Great Library of Alexandria~



SERVICE!

- Donate books to your local library or elementary school
- Read myths to the local youth
- Host a book drive



Seneca once said "*Non scholae, sed vitae discimus,*" which translates to "We do not learn for school, but for life." As an avid reader myself, nothing excites me more than the pursuit of knowledge through books. Celebrate Alexandria, the ancient capital of knowledge and learning, by hosting a book drive to your local library! (Even better if the books are Classics-related!)

-Aleah Malik, NJCL 1st VP

ROME

~The root of modern civilization~

SPIRIT!

- Celebrate Rome by having a birthday party. Make sure there is lots of food, dessert, and sparkling grape juice!



Rome will forever be the incredible city we hold deep our in hearts and high in our minds. With National Classics Week coming to an end on Rome's birthday, grab your fellow JCLers and celebrate its glory!

-Natasha Panduwawula,
NJCL President

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Share your NCW celebrations with us on social media! We will be picking our favorite projects each day and posting them on NJCL accounts. Remember to tag us at @nationalJCL and use #NCW19 in all of your posts.

Be sure to look at the Proclamations Packet to send proclamation requests to your local and state municipalities and press releases to your local news stations and newspapers.

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CLOSING

We hope you enjoy your “journey around the world” as you celebrate many of our beloved ancient cities. It is truly important that we reflect on the civilizations that gave us the world that we have today. More so than this, the same civilizations that gave us JCL, our JCL friends (#JCLove), and the languages we adore learning today. Thank you for joining us for National Classics Week!

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