

## ancient

I

1. ['eɪnf(ə)nt] *n*

1. 1) человек античного мира, *особ.* древний грек, древний римлянин
- 2) (the ancients) *pl* народы античного мира, *особ.* греки и римляне
2. (the ancients) *pl* писатели, мыслители и художники античности, *особ.* Греции и Рима  
he was deeply read in the ancients - он обладал глубокими познаниями в области античной литературы
3. старик, старец  
a penniless ancient - старик, живущий в нищете
4. древняя монета  
◇ the Ancient of Days - *рел.* Предвечный

2. ['eɪnf(ə)nt] *a*

1. античный, древний  
ancient art [literature] - античное искусство [-ая литература]  
ancient languages - древние языки  
ancient Rome - Древний Рим  
ancient Greece - Древняя Греция  
the ancient world - древний мир, античность
2. древний; старинный  
in ancient times - в древние /давние/ времена  
ancient city - древний город  
ancient monuments - старинные памятники, памятники старины  
ancient customs - старинные обычаи, обычаи предков
3. 1) старый, престарелый, патриархальный  
2) почтенный, убеленный сединами; умудренный (годами)
4. старомодный; давно вышедший из моды; старинный

II

['eɪnf(ə)nt] *n* *уст.*, *поэт.*

1. флаг; знамя
2. знаменосец
3. поручик  
Jago was Othello's ancient - Яго был поручиком у Отелло

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**ancient** [ancient ancients] *BrE* ['eɪnfənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *NAmE* ['eɪnfənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

1. belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years in the past

**Opp:** ↑modern

- ancient history/civilization
- ancient Greece

2. very old; having existed for a very long time

- an ancient oak tree
- ancient monuments
- (humorous) He's ancient— he must be at least fifty!

3. **the ancients** *noun plural* the people who lived in ancient times, especially the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans

Derived Word ↑**anciently**Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **ancien**, based on Latin **ante** 'before'.Thesaurus:**ancient** *adj.*

- an ancient monument
- old** • • **historic** • • **antique** • • **long-standing** •

**Opp:** modern

- a/an ancient/old/historic **building/monument**
- an ancient/old/antique **chair/clock/coin**
- a/an ancient/old/long-standing **tradition/belief/method/problem**

Example Bank:

- The man looked positively ancient.
- Archaeologists are excavating the ruined temples of this ancient civilization.
- He's ancient— he must be at least fifty!
- The area is still covered by huge ancient forests.
- The law protects ancient monuments and old churches.
- This philosophy dates back to ancient Greece.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **ancient**<sup>1</sup> **W2** /'eɪnfənt/ *BrE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *AmE* <sup>ˈ</sup> *adjective*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: ancien, from Vulgar Latin anteanus, from Latin ante 'before']

1. belonging to a time long ago in history, especially thousands of years ago **OPP modern** :

" the ancient civilizations of Asia

**ancient Greece/Egypt/Rome**

" the religion of ancient Egypt

2. having existed for a very long time **OPP new** :

" an ancient walled city

" an ancient forest

" the ancient art of calligraphy

3. very old – used humorously:

" That photo makes me look ancient!

4. **ancient history**

a) the history of ancient societies, such as Greece or Rome:

" a professor of ancient history

b) *informal* if you say that something is ancient history, you mean that it happened a long time ago and is not important now:

" It's all ancient history and I'm not upset any more.

II. **ancient**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

**the ancients** [plural] people who lived long ago, especially the Greeks and Romans:

" The ancients believed that the Sun and Moon were planets.

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