

Ancient Greeks

Year 4



Key Dates

- 1200BC: The Trojan War.
- 850-700BC: Development of the first Greek alphabet
- 776BC: The first Olympic Games
- 600BC: Greek coin currency introduced
- 500BC: Democracy used in Athens
- 490BC: Greeks defeat Persians at the battle of Marathon
- 472BC: Greek theatres become popular in Athens
- 432BC: The Parthenon in Athens is finished being built
- 336BC: Alexander the Great defeats the Persians
- 146BC: Greece falls under the rule of the Roman Empire
- 43AD: Romans invade Britain

Key Questions

- How do we know so much about Ancient Greece?
- What was everyday life like in Ancient Greece?
- Was Greece split into different city states?
- How did Athens and Sparta differ?
- Why was Athens able to be so strong at the time?
- What was so special about life in Athens that makes us study it?
- What can we tell about the Ancient Greeks from their interests in theatre and festivals such as the Olympics?
- In what ways have the Ancient Greeks influenced our lives today?

Key Vocabulary

AD Addo Domini: The time after the birth of Jesus Christ.

Assembly: In Athens, this was a group of citizens who showed up to vote.

Athens: One of the most powerful city states and the birthplace of democracy.

Archaeologist: A person who studies history by digging up objects to tell us about its past.

BC Before Christ: The time before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Citizen: A 'free' male over the age of 18 who was born in that city state.

City State: A large city and the surrounding area.

Democracy: A form of government where citizens have their say in what happens.

Hoplite: Soldiers of the city states.

Mount Olympus: A mountain in northern Greece that was home to the Greek gods.

Olympics: An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.

Polis: The Greek name for a city state.

Sparta: A powerful city state and rivals of Athens.

Titans: They were the first Greek gods who were overthrown by their children, the Olympians.

Tyrant: The ruler of a Greek city state. Like a king.