

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Subject: History

Topic: Ancient Greece

Year: 6

Approximate dates for the main Ancient Greek periods and key events: (Ancient Greek civilizations can be traced back to the Minoan civilization around 2700 BCE)

Timeline not to scale.

First coins introduced 600 BCE	Battle of Marathon (Athens vs Persia) 490 BCE	Peloponnesian Wars between two sides led by Athens and Sparta 431-404 BCE	Founding of the library at Alexandria 323 BCE	Roman rule of Greece begins with the sacking of Corinth 146 BCE
First Olympic Games 776 BCE	Athens introduces democracy 505 BCE	Sophocles writes his first tragedy 468 BCE	Alexander the Great dies not long after defeating Persians 323 BCE	
Archaic Period (800 – 480 BCE)		Classical Period (480 – 323 BCE)		Hellenistic Period (323 – 146 BCE)

What should I already know?

- Where Ancient Greece is on the timeline.
- Name and retell some famous ancient Greek myths.

What am I going to learn?

- The Ancient Greeks lived about 3,000 years ago.
- Ancient Greece was not a single country but was made up of many city states. The most famous are: Athens, Sparta and Corinth.
- The Minoans are the oldest Ancient Greek civilisation and originate from the island of Crete. The city states used to fight each other.
- The Olympics began in Ancient Greece and were a time of peace when warring states could try to come to a peaceful agreement.
- The original games were held in Olympia in 776 BC and were part of a religious ceremony.
- The Ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Zeus was the king of the gods. Others included: Poseidon, Aphrodite, Artemis, Athena, Demeter and Apollo
- The Romans gave a lot of the Greek gods Roman names. E.G. Poseidon is the Greek name and Neptune is the Roman name for the same god of the sea.
- The Greeks had a lot of myths and legends which featured Greek heroes and mythical creatures. Famous Greek heroes included: Heracles (The Romans called him Hercules) Perseus and Theseus. Famous mythical beasts included: Cerberus (a three-headed dog which guarded the underworld) and The Minotaur (half bull and half man)

The Parthenon- Athens



Minotaur



Greek Gods



Vocabulary

Acropolis	Fortified city core located on a rocky outcrop above Athens.
Polytheistic	Religious system where people believe in or worship more than one god.
Democracy	A system of government where eligible people elect representatives.
Oligarchy	A system of government where a small group of people control everything.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods, primarily twelve Olympian Gods.
Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena located on the Athenian Acropolis.
Titans	An older generation of Gods including Cronus & Rhea who were the children of earlier Gods and parents to the Olympian Gods (who later overthrew them).
City State	A city that had its own government and rules the area around it e.g. Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Delphi & Thebes (Greek = Polis)
Olympics	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus.

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