

Curriculum Drivers: Discovery and Inspiration

Enrichment: Ancient Greek Day

GARP/GASP: Did Ancient Greece have a true democracy?

Subject: Geography

Cross-curricular links: Myths and legends

Learning Journey

Lesson 1

L.O: To know who the ancient Greeks were and locate their civilisation on a timeline.

Lesson 2

L.O: To know about the three main types of government in ancient Greece.

Lesson 3

L.O: To compare and contrast the two city states of Athens and Sparta.

Lesson 4

L.O: To use primary and secondary sources to find out about daily life in ancient Greece.

Lesson 5

L.O: To know about gods, goddesses and religious beliefs in ancient Greece.

Lesson 6

L.O: To explain the lives and teachings of the ancient Greek scholars and philosophers.

Lesson 7

L.O: To understand how modern life has been influenced by the ancient Greeks.

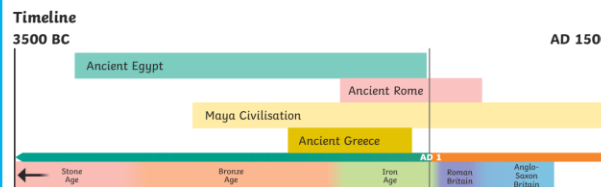
Core Knowledge and Key Visuals

About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Ancient Greeks were a civilisation that thrived from the 9th Century BCE to the 6th Century CE. Ancient Greece was not a country - it was made up of city states. There were often battles between these city states but sometimes they would join together to defend themselves from a common enemy. Important city states of ancient Greece included Athens, Corinth and Sparta.

The ancient Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each god/goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life too.



Ancient Athens is where democracy began in around 508 BC. Listening to the opinions of other people and debating issues was an important part of this system. After debating issues, the ancient Athenians would vote. At that time, the only people allowed to take part in democracy were adult males who were citizens of Athens. The legacy of democracy still exists today in many parts of the world.



Key scholars and philosophers of Ancient Greece include: Pythagoras, Hippocrates, Aristotle, Socrates and Archimedes.

Disciplinary Concepts

- Chronology
- Knowledge and Understanding
- Historical Enquiry

Substantive Concepts

- Hierarchy
- Monarchy
- Significant people and events
- Settlements

Vocabulary

Ancient	Civilisation	Empire
Something from a very long time ago.	A human society with well-developed rules and government.	A group of countries or states that are ruled by one ruler or country.
Myth	Democracy	City States
A story from ancient times about something that happened long ago.	A system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run.	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into
Scholar	Philosopher	Olympics
a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study.	Someone who studies the nature of life, truth, knowledge, and other important human matters.	A set of international sports competitions that happen once every four years.