



Ancient Greece

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What did they believe in?

The Ancient Greeks worshiped a variety of gods and goddesses including Zeus, Athena and Apollo. Myths and rituals played a significant role in their daily life.

Government

City-states had different forms of government. Athens is known for developing democracy, while Sparta was known for its military.

Art and Architecture

The Greeks produced significant advancements in art, especially in their sculptures and architecture.

Government

The impact of Ancient Greece influenced Western culture in governance, philosophy, art and literature. Their ideas continue to today.

ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY	
Athens	A city-state in ancient Greece known for its advances democracy, philosophy, arts and cultures.
Democracy	A form of government in which power is held by the people who can vote.
Legacy	Something handed down from the past, such as cultural achievements, traditions or historical impact which continues to influence future generation.
Sparta	A city-state in ancient Greece, known for its strong military culture and disciplined society.
Era	A distinct period of history characterised by particular events, developments or features.
Architecture	The art and science of designing and constructing buildings. Ancient Greek architecture, such as temples and theatres, is known for its columns.
Decade	A period of ten years.
Philosophers	A person who seeks wisdom and knowledge by exploring questions about life, reality, and human nature.
Continuity	The consistent existence or operation of something over time, without major interruptions or changes.



Who Were the Ancient Greeks?

Ancient Greek was a civilization, who lived between 1200 BC and 323 BC, made up of city-states and other territories in the north-eastern Mediterranean. The two most powerful states were Athens and Sparta.

MAKING LINKS TO PREVIOUS LEARNING.
What should we already know?

- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries)
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

MAKING LINKS TO NEW LEARNING.
What will we know?

- A study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.
- To understand chronology: timeline of events, building and how much we now know 4000 years on.
- To explain the role of Greek Gods and ancient beliefs.
- To investigate and interpret the past: comparing Governing bodies of Sparta and Athens.
- Historical enquiry: To study the influence of art within architecture.