

Ancient Greece



Key Vocabulary	
Athlete	From the Ancient Greek meaning of someone who competes to win a prize.
BCE	Before Common Era (before the traditional year of Jesus Christ).
Citizen	A free man or woman who has the right to vote in the government of their city or state.
Civilisation	A common way of life to different groups of people.
Democracy	When citizens have a say in how their state or country is run.
Legend	Stories that are based on real events and people.
Marathon	A distance of 26 miles travelling on foot, inspired by a Greek soldier who delivered news from the town of Marathon.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece, believed to be the home of the 12 Greek Gods.
Myth	A collection of stories belonging to religious or cultural tradition.
Olympians	Previously these were the Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece but are commonly known today as individuals who compete in the Olympic Games.
Olympic Games	Event held every four years at Olympia.
Philosophy	A way of thinking or asking questions about the world, universe and mankind.

Who were the Greeks?

The Ancient Greeks were people who lived from about 1200BC to 150BC. They are well-known for developing a way of living that we still use today.

What were the Greeks famous for?

The Greeks were famous for many things including: Myths and Legends, the birth of democracy, inventions and competitive sports known as the 'Olympics'.

When was the first Olympic Games?

The first recorded games at Olympia date from 776BC where citizens from all over Greece travelled to Olympia to compete for glory and appease and worship their Gods in sporting events. One legend says they were set up by the great hero, Hercules.

Who were the Olympians?

The Olympians were the 12 most important Gods and Goddesses who were believed to live on Mount Olympus. Zeus was the King of the Gods and Ruler of the Heavens.

What was Greek life like?

Ancient Greece was made up of a few wealthy people, citizens and many slaves. Most lived in the countryside and only the wealthy lived in the city.

