



Aspire Curriculum Knowledge Organiser

A Journey Through Time - Ancient Greece

Year 5

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What? Key Knowledge Takeaways

- * The Olympics started in Ancient Greece and still take place today.
- Democracy began in Ancient Greece.
- * The Greek Empire was made up of 1400 islands next to the sea, which meant that they were seafaring people. Each city-state was ruled by a powerful city, led by a ruler or government.
- * Greece is a warm country but winds from the Mediterranean and rains from the north kept temperatures livable and created fertile farming conditions.
- * Ancient Greek Myths are still read today. They often include monsters and heroes. *
- Our alphabet was developed using some of the alphabet that the Ancient Greeks used.

Who? Famous People

Homer	The name given to the legendary author of the Iliad and the Odyssey. Possibly a name given to more than one person.
Alexander the Great	Alexander the Great, was a king of the Ancient Greek kingdom of Macedon. He was a famous warrior.
Metrodora	Author of the oldest medical book known to have been written by a woman
Archimedes	Famous mathematician, physicist, engineer, inventor, and astronomer.
Zeus	Zeus is the god of the sky, thunder and lightning in Ancient Greek religion and myth, and was the King of the gods on Mount Olympus.
Aphrodite	Aphrodite is an Ancient Greek goddess associated with love, beauty, pleasure and passion.
Hera	Hera is the goddess of women, marriage, family, and childbirth in ancient Greek religion and myth. She was the sister of Zeus.
Hermes	Hermes was the ancient Greek god of trade, wealth, luck, sleep, language, thieves, and travel.

Key Vocabulary

Definition

Acropolis	An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city. It is usually located on top of a hill and at the centre of the city.
Assembly	In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote.
Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled including choosing their leaders and deciding on laws.
Oligarchy	A type of government where the power is held by a few people.
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.
Titans	The Titans were the first Greek gods.

When? Timeline

3000 BC	1200 BC	850 BC	800 BC	760 BC	600 BC	508BC	495 BC	490-480 BC
Minoan Civilisation begins on Crete	The Trojan Wars	The Greek Alphabet was devised	Homer composed 'Odyssey'	The First Olympic Games	First coins appeared in Greece	Democracy began across Greek states	Pythagoras - a famous Greek philosopher dies.	The Persian wars and the Battle of Marathon.