

Year 5 History

What Impact did the Ancient Greeks have on Modern Society?

Prior learning

In Year 5, you learnt about the Romans, who were the ancient civilisation who conquered The Greeks and lived directly after the Greeks.

Future learning

Year 6, you re-visit The Ancient Greeks as part of the Crime and Punishment unit of work, which requires you to study how crime and punishment has changed over time.

In this topic you will:

- Learn about how Ancient Greece was divided up into City-States
- Learn about how The Ancient Greeks lived their lives and compare and contrast their culture with other historical eras and the present day
- Use a range of sources of evidence to find out about the past.

A Timeline of this Period in History

776 BC	The First Olympic Games is Held.
500 BC	The Classical Period starts
490 BC	The Greeks defeat the Persian Invasion at The Battle of Marathon.
472 BC	The Theatre becomes popular in Athens.
460 BC	Hippocrates is born in Kos.
432 BC	The Parthenon is completed in Athens
404 BC	Sparta defeats Athens
336 BC	Alexander The Great takes control of Greece
146 BC	Greece falls under The Roman Empire.
0 AD	Jesus Christ is born.

Key Vocabulary

Democracy	The idea that every free person gets a vote and his or her opinion will be heard.
City-State	Ancient Greece was split into separate groups called City-States. They made their own rules and had their own laws.
Mount Olympus	Most Greek plays were either a tragedy - telling a sad event - or comedies that aimed at making people laugh.
Tragedy / Comedy	The temple that sits atop the Acropolis in Athens.
Hoplite	The name given to the Ancient Greek soldiers
Sparta	A famous city-state that focused on military and discipline.
Athens	The centre of the Ancient Greek world, also the capital of modern day Greece.
Pottery	Sculptures created by the Ancient Greeks, which depicted scenes from their lives.
Marathon	Marathon is the scene of a famous Greek battle victory over the Persians in 490 BC; the modern race is based on the tradition that a messenger ran from Marathon to Athens with the news.

