

Ancient Greece

Impact on our lives today

Knowledge Item 1

Democracy began in Ancient Greece.

demos= people
kratos= rule

Knowledge Item 2

Ancient Greek myths are still read today. Monsters include Medusa and the minotaur. Heroes include Odysseus and Perseus.

Knowledge Item 3

Greek architecture has influenced the design of buildings all over the world. The British Museum (London) is an example of this.

Knowledge Item 4

The Greek alphabet and language influenced us too. Our alphabet was developed using some of the alphabet that the Ancient Greeks used. In fact, the first two letters in the Greek alphabet were 'alpha' and 'beta', which is where we get the word 'alphabet' from!

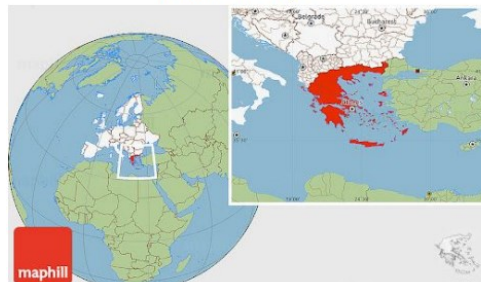
Knowledge Item 5

The Olympics started in Ancient Greece.

Key Vocabulary

Ancient history	This is the history of people who lived thousands of years ago in places where writing was being developed (3000BC to 500AD).
archaeologist	An archaeologist learns about the past by digging up and studying remains and objects left behind.
architecture	This is the art of design and making buildings
artefact	A man-made object left behind by the past.
BCE	This stands for 'Before the Common Era' It is a non-Christian way of referring to BC (Before Christ)
CE	This stands for the 'Common Era' and is a non-Christian way of referring to everything that has happened after the birth of Jesus (AD)
cartography	This is the science of making maps
civilisation	A large, well organised group of people united by shared laws, trade, culture and values.
city state	A city state is a city which has its own ruler and government that rules the city and the surrounding countryside. Some of the most important city states in Ancient Greece were Athens, Sparta, Corinth and Thebes
democracy	This literally means 'rule by the people'. In a democracy the ordinary people have some say in how the government is run e.g. by voting.
legacy	something handed on to the next generation
marathon	A marathon is a long 26 mile running race named after the legendary run of a Greek soldier after the battle of Marathon
urban	An urban area is an area with lots of buildings and population, like a town or city

People and Places



The area we call **Ancient Greece** is similar to the area that modern Greece covers today. Modern Greece is in **Europe** and has a long coastline in the **Mediterranean Sea**.

Who were the Ancient Greeks?

The Ancient Greeks lived in Greece and the countries we now call Bulgaria and Turkey over 4000 years ago. The two most important cities in Ancient Greece were Athens and Sparta.



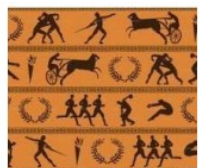
Ancient Greek Myths

Created thousands of years ago, Greek myths were epic stories about Greek gods, passed down over generations. They are often about heroic battles and terrible creatures, and taught the importance of bravery, intelligence, and right and wrong. They showed that even the gods, like mortal men, could be punished or rewarded for their actions. Details of these ancient tales have been found on everything from pottery to temples to stone statues!

Greek myths were a huge part of the religion in Ancient Greece, and offer a glimpse into the lives of the ancient people who told them.



Mount Olympus in Greece. The Ancient Greeks believed this is where the Greek Gods and Goddesses lived.



Olympics

The acropolis



A Spartan soldier

coin

Mount Olympus

