

Groovy Greeks

Our Five Fabulous Facts

1. Greece is a country in the continent of Europe. It has lots of islands in the Mediterranean Sea and is very mountainous.
2. The ancient Greeks lived in Greece between 776BC-146BC.
3. In ancient times, Greece was not a single country but was made up of lots of city-states such as Athens and Sparta.
4. The ancient Greeks believed in many different gods such as Zeus, Poseidon and Hades. Each was responsible for a different aspect of life.
5. The ancient Greek legacy impacts our lives today: Olympics, democracy, theatre, prime numbers and the alphabet.

Legacy



The ancient Greeks left a strong legacy. Without them, we may not have our current system of government based on democracy. Another legacy is the modern-day Olympics, which were based upon the original games held in ancient Greece.



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Where in the world?



Modern-day Greece is a country in southeast Europe. In ancient Greece, the area was split into many different city states.

Key Vocabulary

civilisation	The society, culture and way of life of a particular area.
democracy	A system where the members of the society choose the government.
city-state	A city that rules itself and the surrounding areas.
government	Group of people given permission to run a society.
society	A community of people living together in a particular country or region.

Who let the God's out?	King of the Gods	God of the sea	God of the underworld
	Zeus	Poseidon	Hades

The Ancient Greeks believed there were 12 main gods known as the Olympians. They lived on Mount Olympus and had complete control over the lives of the Greek people. The Greeks prayed to them for help and protection.

The ancient Greeks are known for their myths. The facts and the truth around the events at Troy are difficult to unpick. With very little primary source evidence that is reliable we have to decide how Troy was burnt to the ground by the Greeks.



Daily life in Greece varied according to the city state you lived in. In Sparta, young boys were taken away from their families to be raised into soldiers from a young age. In Athens, women were taught skills to run a house and had less rights than in Sparta.

776 BC The first Olympic games takes place.



508 BC Democracy begins in Athens, giving power to the people.



432 BC The Parthenon, the most famous building in Athens is completed.



431 BC War breaks out between Athens and Sparta.



146 BC Rome conquers Greece, making it part of the Roman Empire.



Timeline of important