

## Key Vocabulary

<b>civilisation</b>	comes from the Latin word 'civis' meaning someone who lives in a town.
<b>polis</b>	ancient Greek city-state
<b>myth</b>	an imaginary person or thing
<b>deity</b>	a god or goddess
<b>democracy</b>	(demos - people; cracy - rule); rule by the people, the people can take part in the decisions that affect the way their community is run
<b>legacy</b>	Something that is handed down from one period of time to another.
<b>parliament</b>	the group of (usually) elected politicians or other people who make the laws for their country
<b>republic</b>	a type of government that has no king, queen, or other monarch and where the people can choose leaders to represent them and make the laws
<b>significance</b>	great value, importance

### Did you know?

The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre. They loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre - some big enough to hold 15,000 people! Only men and boys were allowed to be actors.

## Who were the Ancient Greeks and what was their legacy?

The earliest Greek civilisations emerged around 4,000 years ago. They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, and also in what is now Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Turkey. There was not one country called Ancient Greece. Instead, it was split into city states with each ruled in its own way. They introduced their way of life to many new places. Their ideas on science, art and philosophy were much admired with the Romans for example adopting Greek architecture and religion. Four thousand years on in the twenty-first century, the Ancient Greeks are still remembered for being the first to establish democracy and for founding the Olympic Games. Ancient Greek myths and legends plays, poetry and pottery are still studied widely, and its architecture, scientists and scholars are still enormously influential.



Map showing the area of Greek settlement and major city-states

Α	Β	Γ	Δ	Ε	Ζ
Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta
Η	Θ	Ι	Κ	Λ	Μ
Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu
Ν	Ξ	Ο	Π	Ρ	Σ
Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi	Rho	Sigma
Τ	Υ	Φ	Χ	Ψ	Ω
Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega

Oldest known Greek alphabet ever recorded, 740BC



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

## Ancient Greece Timeline:

776BC	740BC	500BC	480BC	432BC	387BC	336BC	146BC
The first Olympic Games take place in Greece.	Oldest known Greek alphabet ever recorded.	Democracy is founded in Athens, giving greater power to the people.	The 'Golden Age' of Greece begins. This is what historians call 'Classical' Greece.	The Parthenon, the most famous building in Athens is completed.	Plato founded the Academy in Athens.	Alexander the Great takes control of Greece and helps the Greek Empire expand further.	Romans conquers Greece, making it part of the Roman Empire.