



When did Ancient Greece take place?



Historical Skills Vocabulary

BC	Used to show that a date is before the year AD 1. This is counted backwards so 200 BC is before 100 BC.
AD	Used to show that a date is after the year AD 1. This is counted forwards so AD 100 is before AD 200.



Important Places

Athens	City named after Athena, the birthplace of democracy
Crete	An island just south of the Greek mainland
Macedonia	Home to Alexander the Great
Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek gods
Olympia	The original Olympic games site
Peloponnese	The part of Greece where Spartans lived
Sparta	City-state famous for training boys as warriors

Timeline of Events

776BC	750BC	570BC	508BC	450BC	432BC	336BC	146BC
The first Olympic Games takes place	Early Greek culture thrives Homer writes The Iliad and The Odyssey.	Pythagoras is born He makes major breakthroughs in science and maths	Democracy begins in Athens , giving greater power to the people	Athens becomes a powerful city and controls an empire	The Parthenon , the most famous building in Athens, is completed	Alexander the Great is king and helps the Greek Empire expand further	Rome conquers Greece, making it part of the Roman Empire

Where was Ancient Greece?



Aphrodite



Goddess of love and beauty. She is often depicted with a dove.

Apollo



God of many things, including the sun and light, music and poetry, archery and healing.

Ares



God of courage and war. He is a son of Zeus and his wife Hera.

Artemis



Goddess of hunting, the moon and nature. She is twin sister to Apollo.

Athena



Goddess of wisdom and war. The myths say that she sprang from Zeus's head, fully grown and wearing armour.

Types of Government

Democracy	Ruled by the citizens who can vote
Monarchy	Ruled by a king or a queen
Oligarchy	Ruled by a small group of powerful people
Tyranny	Ruled by one person, usually by force or fear

Vocabulary

agora	A place where people meet to make decisions and vote
Aristotle	Student of Plato and tutor to Alexander the Great
civilisation	an organised society
Golden Age	Period of great architecture, trade, theatre, literature and philosophy
Hellas/Hellenes	What Ancient Greece and its people used to call themselves
polis	A city-state or self-governing community in Ancient Greece

Hades



God of the underworld. He is the brother of Zeus and Poseidon and is usually pictured with a two-pronged pitchfork or staff.

Hera



Goddess of women, marriage and family. She is the wife and also the sister of Zeus, as well as the sister of Poseidon and Hades.

Hermes



The messenger God and known as the 'divine trickster'. He is famously depicted with winged sandals.

Poseidon



The brother of Zeus and Hades, Poseidon became ruler of the sea and is depicted with a trident.

Zeus



God of the sky. Zeus is considered the father and protector of all gods and mortals.