

St Luke's Knowledge Organiser



History Year 6 - Ancient Greece

What I should already know

Stone Age to Iron Age Britain
The Ancient Egyptians, the Romans and the Mayans

Historical skills

Place the time studied and previously studied on a timeline
Compare and contrast the four Ancient civilisations
Construct informed responses by selecting and organising relevant historical information.
Describe the key features, attitudes, beliefs and lives of the people.

Timeline

- ◆ 2000 BC The first settlers arrive in Greece.
- ◆ 1200 BC The Trojan Wars
- ◆ 800 BC Greece separates into city states.
- ◆ 776 BC The First Olympic Games
- ◆ 508 BC Democracy begins in Athens.
- ◆ 500 BC The Classical period begins
- ◆ 472BC Theatres become popular in Athens
- ◆ 432 BC The Parthenon is finished in Athens
- ◆ 336 BC Alexander the Great takes control of Greece
- ◆ 146 BC Greece falls under the Roman Empire

Sticky Knowledge

- ◆ The first people lived in Ancient Greece around 3000BC. The Ancient Greek Empire began in 800BC. It ended in 146BC when it was taken over by the Roman Empire.
- ◆ Ancient Greece was divided into states. The two most powerful states were Athens and Sparta. Athens was a democracy. Sparta was ruled by kings and had a strong army. Life was very different for Athenians and Spartans.
- ◆ The Olympic Games began in 776BC in Olympia to honour the god Zeus. Events included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
- ◆ The Ancient Greeks believed in many gods. They believed the Olympian gods lived on Mount Olympus and Zeus was the king of the gods.
- ◆ The Ancient Greeks believed stories called myths were true. Famous myths include Theseus and Minotaur, Medusa and the Gorgons and King Midas and the golden touch. The Trojan War is a famous story by Greek writer Homer.
- ◆ Ancient Greeks wore tunics made from linen called chitons. Poor slaves wore loincloth.



Vocabulary

City states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into with their own governments laws and armies.
democracy	Allows citizens to make their own decisions about their lives.
legacies	Things that exist after someone dies or a civilisation event ends.
myth	A story from ancient times about something that happened long ago.
empire	A group of countries that are ruled by one ruler.
architecture	The design and construction of buildings.