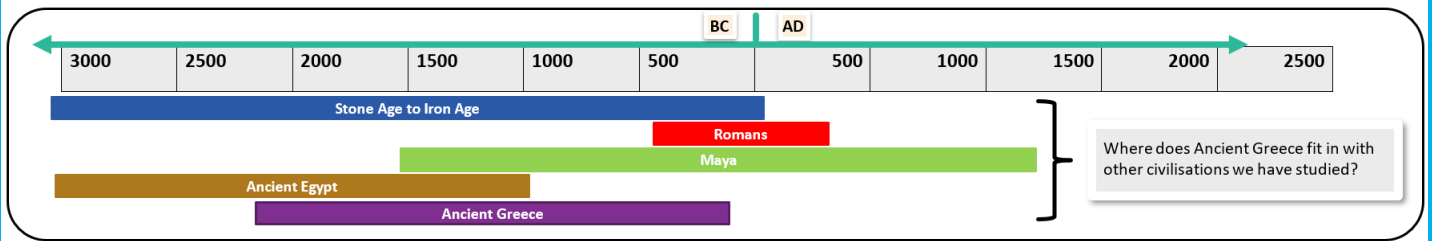


Kingfisher History Knowledge Organiser Term 1

The Ancient Greeks



Key Objectives

- To know the location and time period of Ancient Greece and draw comparisons with other civilisations and present day.
- To compare the lives led by the Spartans and the Athenians.
- To understand the importance of the Olympic Games to the Ancient Greeks and to make a valid comparison with the modern Games.
- To understand the importance of religion and the gods to the Ancient Greek people.
- To utilise evidence to know and understand the importance of warfare in Ancient Greece.

Key Vocabulary

Citizen	Someone belonging to that place or area.
Democracy	Allowing citizens to make their own decisions about things that impact their lives such as where the people choose the government.
Legacy	Something resulting from a time in the past.
Myth	A type of traditional story – particularly one to explain why natural things take place.
Pioneer	To be the first at something and open the way for others.
Athenians	Coming from Athens. It is the birthplace of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.
Spartans	Coming from Sparta. The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.
Olympics	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival or celebration of Zeus.
Zeus	The supreme god of the Olympians.
Temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.

Sticky Knowledge

- Ancient Greece was made up of a number of city-states. The most important city-states were Athens and Sparta.
- Athens and Sparta were ruled in different ways. In Athens, they had a **democracy** where the **citizens** could vote. In Sparta, they had a monarchy with two kings.
- We learn about Ancient Greece from using a variety of sources, including buildings, artefacts, written evidence and **myths**.
- Many things from Ancient Greece can still be seen today, for example in architecture, medicine, mathematics, language and drama.
- The Ancient Greeks believed that 12 powerful gods and goddesses lived on Mount Olympus.

