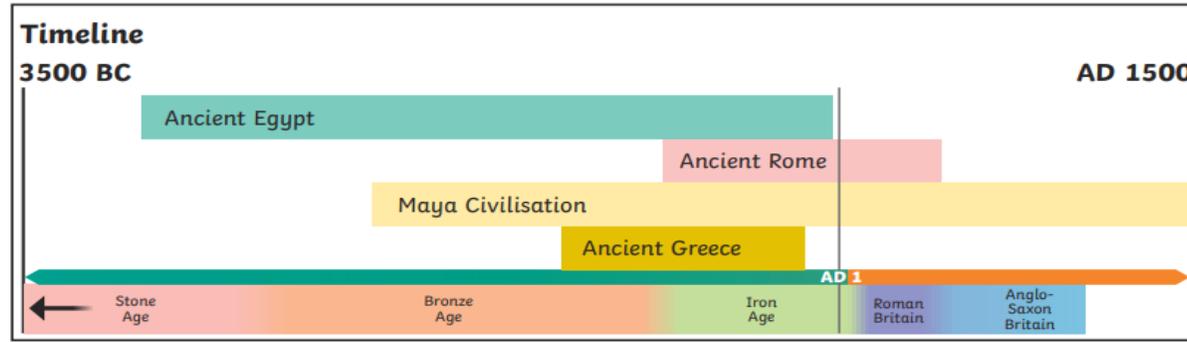


History: Ancient Greece



Key Vocabulary	
Acropolis	An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city. It is usually located on top of a hill and at the centre of the city.
Assembly	In Athens the Assembly consisted of the group of citizens who showed up to vote.
Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled including choosing their leaders and deciding on laws.
empire	a number of individual nations that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one particular country.
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.
Titans	The Titans were the first Greek gods.
Mount Olympus	Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in Greece. It was believed in Ancient Greek times that when things needed to be decided in the mystical world, the 12 main Gods would gather at Mount Olympus, and that many lived there.
Mythology	A group of myths, especially all the myths from a particular country, religion, or culture.
Deities	Gods or goddesses.



General Knowledge

Ancient Greece was not a country. It was made up of city states. There were often battles between these city states but sometimes they would join together to defend themselves from a common enemy. Important city states of ancient Greece included Athens, Corinth and Sparta.



Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses

The ancient Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each god/goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life too.

- Festivals were held to celebrate the gods and goddesses.
- It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods lived on Mount Olympus.
- Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was god of the sky and the king of Mount Olympus.

Did you know?

The designs on the pottery told a story. Some told stories of daily life. Others told stories of wars and heroes. Most Greeks were cremated and buried in pots. Even though the pots were to be buried, they still had to be perfect.



Alexander III of Macedon, known as Alexander the Great, was a king of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedon.

How has ancient Greece influenced life today?

Ancient Greece is often referred to as 'the birthplace of western civilisation'. It is made up of three periods which produced many political ideas, art, architecture, sculpture, science, philosophy and literature that influence our lives today.