

Year 3 History: Ancient Greeks

Prior Learning

- The Great Fire of London happened in 1666. (Y2)
- Florence Nightingale lived in the Victorian times, which was from 1837-1901. (Y2)
- Christians believe Jesus was born in OAD. (Y2)
- Dinosaurs roamed Earth more than 65 million years ago.

Y3:

- According to historians, The Stone Age period ran from 9500BC to 2000BC.
- The Bronze Age period came next, from 2000BC to 800BC.
- The Iron Age period came last of the three and was from 800BC to 43AD.
- None of these eras were sudden; the times were over-lapped and gradual.
- 'BC' - Years before the birth of Christ. As numbers become larger, time becomes more distant.
- 'AD' - Years since the birth of Christ, said to be in OAD. As numbers become larger, time becomes more recent.



Vocabulary

ancient	Ancient history is considered to the time from the beginning of writing and recorded human history to the end of the Roman civilisation.
architecture	The style in which a building is designed and constructed.
Civilisation	A human society with well-developed rules and government.
City-state	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army.
Democracy	A system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run.
Source	<u>Primary source:</u> Information and objects that come from the time being studied. <u>Secondary source:</u> Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied.

Sticky Knowledge

- Greece is still a country today, but Ancient Greece spanned to the coast of what is now Turkey.
- Earliest Greek civilisation began around 800BC, it is generally regarded to have ended when the Romans came to power in 146BC.
- The Greeks believed that gods and goddesses watched over them.
- The Greeks believed the gods lived in Mount Olympus, in a palace in the clouds.
- Written diary accounts and the discovery of artwork like vases tell us a great deal about the Ancient Greeks.
- Ancient Greek architecture is famous for grand, white columns which influence modern building styles. Ancient Greek stone columns were sometimes decorated with stone carvings of famous battles from Greek myths.
- Two of the major Ancient Greek city-states, Athens and Sparta, contrasted wildly in their handling of children, women and war.
- Democracy was pioneered in Ancient Greece
- Some of the methods of entertainment that we enjoyed today have Ancient Greek origins – for example, myths, theatre, Olympics.





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