



Key Knowledge

Ancient Greeks believed in many different gods, led by the king of the gods, Zeus. Zeus was King of the Sky and Thunder.



- Mount Olympus was the mythical home of the most powerful Greek gods.
- In 776 BC the very first Olympic Games were held.
- Zeus was the god honored by the games every four years.
- Men only were allowed to compete in events like running, wrestling, and chariot racing.

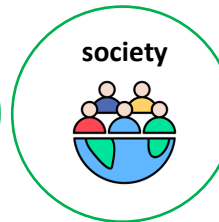
- Ancient Greece was not one single country with one King.

- **City-states** were independent cities which had their own laws.

- Athens was a city-state famous for creating the world's first **democracy**.



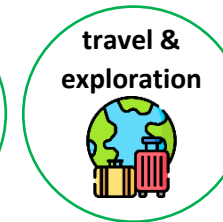
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Key Vocabulary	Meaning
ancient	very old; from a long time ago
city-state	a city with its own government, laws and army
temples	buildings where Greeks worshipped their gods
democracy	a system where people vote and have a say in government
Ancient Olympics	an athletic competition to honour Zeus
Sparta	a powerful Greek city-state famous for its strong army and soldiers
civilisation	a society with culture, government and organised life
legacy	the long-lasting impact or ideas passed down to us from people who lived in the past
architecture	the art and science of designing and building structures
primary source	an object / information for the actual time being studied
myth	traditional stories involving gods or heroes

Think about...

- Why do you think democracy in Athens excluded women and slaves? Was it fair?
- Why do you think theatre was so important to Ancient Greek society?
- What does the Parthenon tell us about ancient Greek beliefs and values?

Find out more!

Key Timeline Events

c. 800–500 BC

City states developed with democracy. Greece expanded.

c. 500–323 BC

Golden Age where the Parthenon was built. Time of great thinkers.

336 – 323 BC Alexander the Great rules and expands a massive empire

146 BC Rome conquers Greece

Victorians

AD 1837 – AD 1901

Ancient Greeks

1200 BC - 146 BC

Ancient Egyptians 3100 BC – 332 BC

Stone Age Britain

15,000 BC– 2500 BC

Bronze Age Britain

2500 BC-800 BC

