

Ancient Greece

Lesson 1 Learning objectives:

To know where Greece is on a map.

To know when the Ancient Greeks were around.

Warm your brain up!

What do you know about Greece? Tell someone at home.

What continent is it on? What seas? What language do they speak?

What is the capital city? Do you know any names of ancient remains?

Can you see Greece on the map? What other countries can you name?



Listen to this fun song about the Ancient Greeks based on 'All about the bass!'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0F5qlu3nSDY>

The facts you need!

Watch one or both of these clips which give you an introduction to Ancient Greece:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQmtV_ZKUds (5 mins)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RchSJSJAbc0> (9 mins)

If you want even more information – follow this link to BBC bitesize...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39/articles/zytpv4>

For those people who don't have access to these, here are some facts to help you.

About **2,500 years ago**, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, architects and politicians.

The Greeks called themselves **Hellenes** and their land was **Hellas**. The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece later by the Romans. They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also in colonies scattered around the Mediterranean Sea. There were Greeks in Italy, Sicily, Turkey, North Africa, and as far west as France.

They sailed the sea to trade and find new lands. The Greeks took their ideas with them and they started a way of life that's similar to the one we have today.

How was Greece ruled?

There was never one country called 'ancient Greece'. Instead, Greece was divided up into small **city-states**, like Athens, Sparta, Corinth and Olympia.

Each city-state ruled itself. They had their own governments, laws and army. So, ancient Greeks living in Sparta considered themselves Spartan first, and Greek second.

Famously, the city-states didn't get on very well and often fought each another. However, sometimes they joined together to fight against a bigger enemy, like the **Persian Empire**.

Only a very powerful ruler could control all Greece. One man did in the 300s BC. He was **Alexander the Great**, from Macedonia. Alexander led his army to conquer an empire that stretched as far as Afghanistan and India.

Your Task!

- 1) Look at a map of Europe and label as many countries on the sheet as you can. (print off PDF sheet) and map of Europe to help you.
- 2) Create a mind map or a fact sheet about everything you learned in this lesson. Add in some pictures/drawings too.



You can complete 1 or more of these! Don't forget to tweet us your work!