

Ancient Greece

Lesson 3 Learning objectives:

To know about school life in Ancient Greece.

To compare school life in Ancient Greece to now.

To know about games and toys played in Ancient Greece.

Warm your brain up!

Tell a parent 5 things you have learned about Ancient Greece and Ancient Greeks so far!

The facts you need!

- 1) Look at the power point on Schools in Ancient Greece or read these facts:

At school in Ancient Greece

- only rich Greek boys went to school
- the school was called the 'gymnasium'
- boys started school at 7 years old
- girls did not go to school
- girls stayed with their mothers
- Arriving at School
- the **paidagogos** goes to school with the boys - he is a special slave - he reports to the boy's father

What is the building like?

- the school is one big room
- there are no desks
- there are different lessons in different parts of the room



Ancient Greek toys and Games

1) Look at the powerpoint or read the facts below:

Many of the toys that Greek children enjoyed were similar to toys of today. They played with rattles, tops, and pull toys. The yo-yo, or something close to it, may have been created in Greece. It was made out of two terra cotta discs and was simply called a disc.

Boys often played with toy chariots, and girls usually played with dolls. Some dolls from ancient Greece even had moving arms and legs! Some dolls were made from ivory and glass, but most were made from terra cotta. Some were even made with human hair! Others were made of rags, clay or wax. Some had holes in the top of their heads for a string.

Marbles were very popular with Greek children. The earliest marbles were most likely made from chestnuts and acorns. Later, they were made from polished stones.

Greek knucklebones

The game of knucklebones played in ancient Greece is rather like the more modern game of jacks. It was not a game at all to begin with. The way the bones fell when they were thrown was interpreted to predict the future. The knuckles — little ankle bones of a sheep or cow — were called *astragalos* by the Greeks. Girls tended to play the game of knucklebones, while boys preferred to cast the bones like dice in a game of chance. Each of the four distinctively shaped sides of the bone was given a different numerical value.



Your Creative Task!

1) Make some knucklebones or use stones and play a game.

<https://historicalgames.neocities.org/GreekRome/knucklebones.html>

or watch this clip - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuyoHfTg-0A>



2) Have you got some marbles? Find a dip/hole in the pavement outside your house or your patio and play a game!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd1jM7eEx7Q>

Or play inside:

https://www.google.com/search?q=how+to+play+marbles&rlz=1C1GCEA_enGB886GB886&oq=how+to+play+marbles&aqs=chrome..69i57j0l7.4848j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#kpvalbx=zgGwXrSzF4LGgQaTtLroBQ64

or

watch from 1.44 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdQjek1S3LU>

3) Compare life at school in Ancient Greece to now by filling in the sheet.

Complete 1 or more of these tasks - have fun!!

Don't forget to tweet your pictures or videos!