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# EBJ Knowledge Organiser History Year 6

## Spring What did the Greeks do for us?



### Ancient Greece

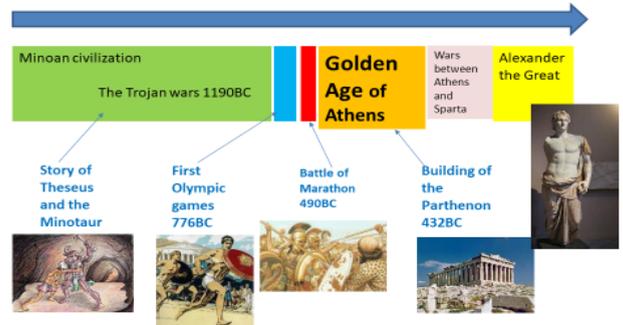
# ΔΙΟΦΩΤΙΤ ΓΡ&ΣΣΕΣ

**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. Much of what we see of the Spartans on television and in films is based on **myth** and does not present the Spartans accurately. The Spartans were known for their strong army and ability to fight. In childhood, boys were trained to be warriors. Girls were taught academic subjects and how to fight. The Athenians were known for their cultural developments and learning. Girls did not go to school but many were taught how to look after the home and family.



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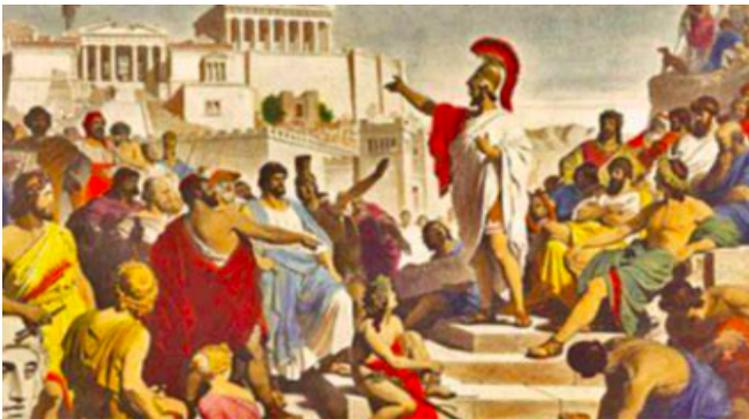
### Greek Gods

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| Zeus      | King of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder. |
| Hades     | God the Dead and King of the Underworld.                 |
| Poseidon  | God of the Sea, Earthquakes and Storms.                  |
| Hera      | Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.                  |
| Apollo    | God of Music, Art, Knowledge and the Sun.                |
| Aphrodite | Goddess of Love and Beauty.                              |
| Hermes    | Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade and Travelers.       |
| Ares      | God of War.  |
| Athena    | Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.                 |
| Demeter   | Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.                  |

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.

### Democracy

**Ancient** Athens is where **democracy** began in around 508 BC. Listening to the opinions of other people and debating issues was an important part of this system. After debating issues, the **ancient** Athenians would vote. At that time, the only people allowed to take part in **democracy** were adult males who were citizens of Athens. The **legacy** of **democracy** still exists today in many parts of the world.



### Where is Greece?

- ✓ Country in South-Eastern Europe.
- ✓ It borders a number of countries, including Albania, Turkey, Bulgaria and Macedonia.
- ✓ It has a large coastline on the Mediterranean Sea.
- ✓ Greece covers an area of 131,957 sq. km. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest European country by area.

### The Olympics

The first Olympic games were held in 776 in the city-state Olympia. The ancient Greeks loved competition of all sorts. The Olympics began as an honour to the **Greek** gods. Each year, the various city-states would send athletes to festivals of games.

### Key Vocabulary

Greek Empire, Acropolis, agora, aristocracy, barracks, Capitals, citizens, democracy, gymnasium, Hoplites, marathon, oligarchy, Mount Olympus, Athens, Sparta

