

Mythical Marvels

How have the Ancient Greeks influenced life today?



Golden Thread: Innovation and legacy

Chronology: 1200 BCE-323 BCE

Year 3 Autumn 1

1. Who were the Ancient Greeks?

- Ancient Greece was not a single country but was a group of city states.
- Identify where Greece in the world and name the city states.
- Identify what the states had in common such as worship of gods, the Olympics.
- Identify the differences between the city states such as leaders, and how ordinary people lived.
- Identify where the Greeks would come on a timeline.



Similarities and differences.

2. Why was democracy so important?

- Understand what the word democracy means.
- Know that democracy started in Athens.
- All freemen had the right to vote
- To know that how we are governed in a similar way today.



Continuity & change

3. Why did the Persian wars start?

- Who were the Persians?
- The invasion of Greece by the Persians
- The battle of Marathon
- The battle of Thermopylae
- Why were the Greek hoplites such good soldiers?



Cause and consequence

4. Who were the Greek thinkers?

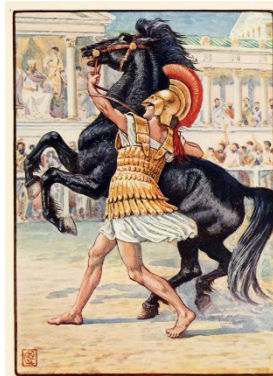
- What does Philosophy mean?
- Know that Socrates, Aristotle and Plato were the great philosophers.
- Know there were other great thinkers such as Pythagoras and Archimedes.
- Know that their thinking and Greek inventions are still used today.



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5. Why was Alexander great?

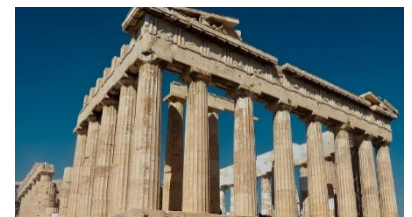
- His early life, father and birth place.
- The taming of Bucephalus
- His time as a military leader
- His empire and legacy of having 20 cities named after him.



Cause & Consequence

6. How did ancient Greece influence life today?

- Many of the words we use today come from Ancient Greece such as democracy, marathon, geometry, tragedy, comedy.
- How we use the Greek structure of democracy and voting in our government today.
- Inventions created in Greek times that we still use such as water wheel, catapults and vending machines.
- Innovation and Legacy



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Assessment task:

How did ancient Greece influence life today? What do the images tell us about what we have learnt from the Ancient Greeks?