

Vocabulary

Hellas / Hellenes	What Ancient Greece and its people used to call themselves.
Polis	A city state, like a small country within region of Greece.
BCE	"Before the Common Era" The number of years before Jesus was born.
Golden Age	Period of great architecture, trade, theatre, literature and philosophy.
Pythagoras	Mathematician and philosopher.
Socrates	One of the first and greatest philosophers.
Plato	Student of Socrates. Set up the first University called the Academy.
Aristotle	Student of Plato and tutor to Alexander the Great.
Alexander the Great	King of Macedonia who conquered many lands.
Agora	A place where people meet to make decisions and vote.

Important Places

Athens	City named after Athena. Birthplace of democracy.
Crete	An island just south of Greek mainland.
Macedonia	Home to Alexander the Great.
Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek Gods.
Olympia	Site of the original Olympic games.
Peloponnese	The part of Greece where Spartans lived.
Sparta	City-State famous for training boys as warriors.

Timeline of Events

3000 BCE	Minoan Civilization begins in Crete.
776 BCE	First Olympic games held in Olympia.
500 BCE	Democracy in Athens.
490 BCE	Persian Wars.
480 BCE	Golden Age of Ancient Greece.
469 BCE	Socrates and age of philosophy.
427 BCE	Plato's Academy.
334 BCE	Conquest of Alexander the Great.
146 BCE	Roman Empire rises taking over Greece.

Important Places

Zeus	King of the Gods, and also of sky and thunder.
Poseidon	God of the sea.
Athena	Goddess of wisdom and warfare.
Ares	God of war and chaos.
Apollo and Artemis	God of the sun and Goddess of the moon.
Prometheus	A Titan who stole fire from Olympus and gave it to humans.
Heracles	Son of Zeus. Half God, half human, and hero of many adventures.

Types of Government

Democracy	Ruled by the citizens who can vote.
Monarchy	Ruled by a king or a queen.
Oligarchy	Ruled by a small group of powerful people.
Tyranny	Ruled by one person, usually by force and fear.