

Alverton School History Knowledge Organiser Years 3 and 4 - Ancient Greece

Prior knowledge:

We have explored chronology and have an awareness of past and present.

We understand that there are different ways that we find out about the past. We are able to ask and answer simple historical questions relating to the topic using stories and other sources.

We can use language relating to the passing of time and historical terms.

We have explored the neolithic period and know that it came before the start of ancient civilisations.

We know when and how ancient civilisations formed.

We have learnt about Ancient Egypt and know about the hierarchy that existed in their society.

Key Vocabulary

ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
civilisation	In this context, the word ' civilisation ' is used to describe a human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.
city states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army.
empire	A group of countries or states that is ruled by one ruler or country.
legacies	Things that live on after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends.
democracy	Democracy is a system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run.
primary source	Information and objects that come from the time being studied.
secondary source	Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied.

Ancient Greece was not a country, it was made up of City States.

There were many Ancient Greek achievements - the Olympics, medicine architecture and democracy are some of them.

There are many things that happen today that came from Ancient Greece.

Ancient Greeks didn't have much land to grow crops on so they had to search for new lands to trade with.

Core Knowledge

Mountains made it very difficult for the ancient Greeks to travel Greece and so individual areas became very independent - forming City States.

The two most important states were Athens and Sparta. They were both ruled very differently and they lived very different lives. Ancient Athens was ruled by democracy.

The first recorded Olympic Games were 776 BC in Olympia. The event was a festival to honour the Greek God, Zeus. Some of the evidence about the games comes from paintings discovered on pottery.

