

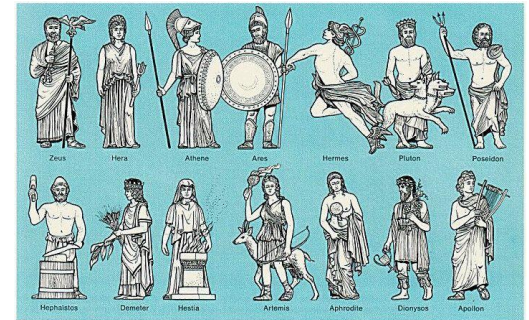
Highgate Community Primary School – Year 6 Ancient Greeks

Vocabulary

What is the legacy of the Greeks?

democracy	Democracy is a system of government in which people choose their rulers by voting for them in elections.	The Greeks created their alphabet in 800BC with 24 letters.
Oligarchy	An oligarchy is a small group of people who control and run a particular country or organization.	Many modern languages have words that come from Greek.
Civilisation	A civilisation is a human society with its own social organization and culture.	The Greeks invented democracy, where decisions were made by voting.
Culture	Culture consists of activities such as the arts and philosophy, which are important for the development of civilization and of people's minds.	The Greeks loved to compete in sporting activities such as discus, javelin and racing. They invented the Olympic games.
Myth	A myth is a well-known story which was made up in the past to explain natural events or to justify religious beliefs or social customs.	The Greeks were big thinkers and made big discoveries in science, maths, philosophy and astronomy.
Religion	Religion is belief in a god or gods and the activities that are connected with this belief, such as praying or worshipping in a building such as a church or temple.	The Greeks invented theatre where written work was performed by actors on a stage. They introduced the idea of comedy and tragedy.
Olympic Games	The Olympic Games are a set of international sports competitions which take place every four years, each time in a different country.	The Greeks have heavily influenced modern art; they are known for their realistic sculpture.

Ancient Greek Gods



Timeline of Key Events in Ancient Greece

 <p>The Trojan War</p> <p>1260–1180 BC</p>	 <p>End of Mycenaean Age</p> <p>1100 BC</p>	<p>First Greek alphabet created</p> <p>αβγδ εζηθ</p> <p>800 BC</p>	 <p>Introduction of Olympic Games</p> <p>776 BC</p>	 <p>First Greek coins are used</p> <p>540 BC</p>	 <p>Democracy used in Athens</p> <p>507 BC</p>	 <p>Start of the Peloponnesian Wars against Sparta.</p> <p>431 BC</p>	 <p>Conquests of Alexander the Great</p> <p>336–323 BC</p>	 <p>Greece becomes part of the Roman Empire</p> <p>146 BC</p>
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Athens	Sparta
Democratic government	Oligarchic government
Ruled by the people	Ruled by two Kings
Only boys educated	Girls and boys educated
Focus on culture	Focus on military.



The Greeks at War

- The most important war in Greek mythology is the Trojan War. The Greeks waged war against the Trojans after the prince Paris of Troy took Helen from her husband, King Menelaus of Sparta.
- The Persian kings tried to conquer Greece between 490 to 449BC, but the Greeks were able to fight them off. Alexander the Great defeated the Persian Empire in the 330s.
- The Peloponnesian War was a war fought between Sparta and Athens. It lasted 27 years as they were always in disagreement. In the end Sparta defeated Athens.

