

The Spring Partnership Trust – Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

Ancient Greece

Year 3

When? (Key Knowledge)

1600 – 1100 BC	Decline of the Bronze Age and start of the Greek civilisation
1250 BC	The Trojan War
800 to 508 BC	The start of Greek civilisation – before democracy was introduced, the rise of the Greek Tyrants and introduction of the Olympic Games, as well as a coin currency.
508 - 323 BC	Democracy is introduced and ended with the death of Alexander the Great. War takes place – Athens versus Sparta.
323 – 146 BC	This period lasted from the death of Alexander the Great until Rome conquered Greece.
146 BC	Invasion of the Romans.

Background Information

The Ancient Greek civilisation emerged after 800BC, and reached its peak around 330 BC with the conquests of Alexander the Great. Ancient Greece was made up of individual city states, which frequently fought between each other. However all of the city states shared a similar language, and a similar Greek culture involving gods, myths and sports. Ancient Greece was not one country, but it was one civilisation.

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling

Definition

Athena	Athena is an ancient Greek goddess associated with wisdom, handicraft, and warfare.
Medusa	In Greek mythology, Medusa ("guardian, protectress") was a monster, a Gorgon, generally described as a winged human female with living venomous snakes in place of hair. Those who gazed upon her face would turn to stone.
Myth	A traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people or explaining a natural or social phenomenon, and typically involving supernatural beings or events.
Olympics	Also called Olympic Games. the greatest of the games or festivals of ancient Greece, held every four years in the plain of Olympia in Elis, in honour of Zeus.
Parthenon	The Parthenon is a former temple on the Athenian Acropolis, Greece, dedicated to the goddess Athena, whom the people of Athens considered their patron.

Map: Greek Civilization



Who?

Alexander the Great	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> king of Macedonia from 336 to 323 B.C. united Greece conquered the Persian Empire.
Hippocrates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous physician
Archimedes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Famous mathematician