



Knowledge Bank: Year 6 History – Ancient Greece

Key Vocabulary:

agora	The central market place in most city-states.
acropolis	A rocky hill with a settlement - the highest point in a city state.
democracy	A country where people vote for their leader.
philosopher	Somebody who studies knowledge, values and our existence.
currency	A system of money.
empire	A group of nations ruled over by a power.
hoplite	Ancient Greek soldier.
government	A group of people who have the power to rule.
deity	Synonymous with God or Goddess

Map of Ancient Greek city-states:



Key Facts:

- Ancient Greece was divided up into City-states. Each city-state ruled itself. They had their own governments, laws and army.
- Ancient Greek myths are traditional story explaining a natural or social phenomenon
- Greek mythology is a body of myths told by the Ancient Greeks.
- The Greeks believed in Gods and Goddesses who lived on top of Mount Olympus. There was a God to influence each aspect of their lives.
- Democracy began in Ancient Greece. The Ancient Greek system is very famous and has helped to shape many systems of democracy around the world today
- Art was a huge part of Ancient Greek culture. Greek art includes paintings, sculptures and pottery.
- Theatre was a popular form of entertainment in Ancient Greece. It began as part of a festival to the Greek god Dionysus, but eventually became a major part of the Greek culture.
- The Olympic Games began over 2,700 years ago in Olympia. The ancient games were also a religious festival, held in honour of Zeus, the king of the gods.

What I should already know:

Ancient civilizations are early cultures of society which are no longer in existence.

Settlements are chosen based on their physical geographical features.

The UK is a democratic society where adults over 18 vote for their leader.

Members of parliament are elected by the people of each local area to form a central government.

Key Places:

Athens	Athens (one of the most powerful city-states) was well known for its great thinkers, artists and writers.
Sparta	Sparta was well known for its powerful soldiers, intense training and mighty battles.
Corinth	Corinth was famed for its silver coins and trading. It was one of the largest city-states.
Delphi	Delphi was one of the holiest places in ancient Greece.
Knossos	Knossos was the oldest city-state which was situated on the Island of Crete. Famed for its man-eating bull, the Minotaur.
Olympia	Olympia was home to the ancient Olympic games

Stone Age
Bronze Age
Iron Age

Ancient
Egypt

Ancient
Greece

Romans

Saxons

Vikings

Normans

Tudors

Victorians

Titanic

WW II

3300BC
6000BC

1200BC
800BC

43AD

450

793

1066

1485

1837

1912

1939