

Ancient Greeks



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Nearly 3000 years ago the Greeks developed one of the most advanced civilisations on the world.

The first Olympics happened in Olympia in 776 BCE, nearly 3000 years ago. The only event was a sprint. Soon other events such as wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing were added.

The Ancient Greeks developed an alphabet and introduced it to the rest of Europe. Many of the books written then are still read today.

The Ancient Greeks invented politics, science, philosophy, theatre, athletics and the study of history.

The Ancient Greeks ate fish from the Mediterranean Sea, grain and lots of olive oil. They often wore a chiton, which was like a long t-shirt made of cotton. Slaves wore only a loin cloth.

Vocabulary	
Philosophy	A way of thinking about the world, the universe and society.
Athens	Capital city of Greece. The birthplace of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.
Athenians	People who live or lived in Greece.
Sparta	An important city of Ancient Greece
Spartans	People who live in Sparta. They believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing made the best soldiers.
Democracy	A system of allowing people to vote for their leaders. Invented in ancient Greece and still used in Britain today.
Zeus	The supreme god of the Olympians. He was the father of Perseus and Heracles
Apollo	The god of music, truth and prophecy

Books

Who Let the Gods out
Maz Evans

Greek Myths
Marcia William

Percy Jackson and the Olympians
Rick Riordan

Other Information

α	A	alpha
β	B	beta
γ	Γ	gamma
δ	Δ	delta
ε	E	epsilon
ζ	Z	zeta