



Knowledge Organiser

Topic: Ancient Greece

Subject: History

Key words

Must know:

Sparta
Athens
democracy
government
Olympics
empire
sources
colony/colonise

Good to know:

philosophy
architecture
peninsula
Parthenon
Persia
acropolis
assembly
Hellenic

Super special:

Hypotenuse
Hellenic
Oligarchy
Diarchy
tyrant
Diaspora
Peloponnesian
polis(city-state)

Key facts and dates

Cycladic civilization begins: 3200 BCE
Minoan civilization: 2700 BCE
The Trojan War: 1250 BCE
Archaic Period/Tyrants: 800-500 BCE
First Olympic games: 776 BCE
Coin currency introduced: 600 BCE
Age of Pericles: 445–429 BCE
Parthenon built: 432 BCE
Peloponnesian Wars: 431-404 BCE
Reign of Alexander the Great: 336-323BCE)
Defeat by Rome: 146 BCE

Key people

King Agamemnon– Mycenaean king. Led in the Trojan War.

Homer – Famous writer who documented the Trojan War in his work *'The Iliad'*.

Draco – Wrote the 'draconian' tyrant constitution in Athens.

Euclid – 'The Father of Geometry'. His work *Elements* is the second most printed book of all time after *The Bible*..

Pythagoras – Famous mathematician, known for his theorem for calculating values in a triangle.

Plato – Founded 'The Academy' in Athens, the first institution for higher education in the Western world.

Socrates – Influential figure in Philosophy and Ethics.

Pericles – Leader of Classical Athens and pivotal in the city's dominance and growth.

Hippocrates – 'The Father of Medicine,' he helped to create medical standards used today.

Leonidas I – King of Sparta who fell at Thermopylae against Xerxes with his 300 men.

Xerxes – Powerful Persian king who occupied Greece before being defeated at the Battle of Salamis.

Aristotle – Leading Philosopher and Mathematician, who went on to tutor Alexander the Great.

Alexander the Great – Macedonian leader who built a Greek empire that stretched across Asia.

Archimedes – Physicist, famous for his 'Eureka!' moment.

Greek Gods and Goddesses



ZEUS

Ruler of the Gods



ATHENA

Goddess of Wisdom



HERMES

Messenger God



ARES

God of War



ARTEMIS

God of the Hunt



POSEIDON

God of the Sea



APOLLO

God of Light



APHRODITE

Goddess of Love