History - Mythical Mediterraneans

Key Vocabulary

Where is Greece?

Athens	Capital city in Greece
Parthenon	A temple built for Athena (a Greek Goddess)
Slaves	Gardeners, cooks, cleaners. Slaves were considered to be normal in Ancient Greek times.
Olympics	The Olympic Games started in Ancient Greece.





Can you find anything out about the similarities in the way Ancient Greeks lived compared to us today?

The Greeks called themselves Hellenes and their land was Hellas. The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece later by the Romans. They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also in colonies scattered around the Mediterranean Sea.



About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, architects and politicians.

ANCIENT GREEK

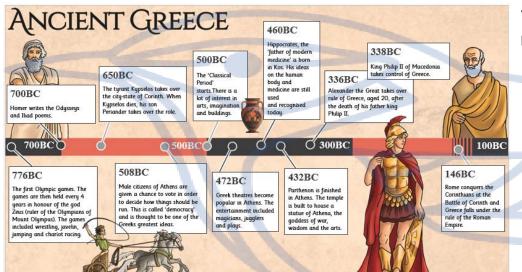


They sailed the sea to trade and find new lands. The Greeks took their ideas with them and they started a way of life that's similar to the one we have today.



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Key Dates



Greeks were famous for their myths. Have you read 'Pandora's Box'?



Did you know the Greeks had their own alphabet?



The
Greeks
worshipped
many
gods. One
of the
most
famous
gods was
Zeus

Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was the god of the sky and Olympus. His temper affected the weather and he threw thunderbolts when he was unhappy.

Did you know ...?

Zeus' father was worried his children would betray him, so he ate his children (but not Zeus). Aphrodite was the goddess of love and beauty and the protector of sailors. She may have been the daughter of Zeus or she may have risen from the sea on a shell.

Did you know ...?

Aphrodite had a chariot pulled by swans to glide through the air.

Can you find out about the first Olympic Games held in Greece? Can you name any of the events? Do we still hold any of these events today?