

History - Mythical Mediterraneans

Key Vocabulary

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| 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. |



**ANCIENT GREEK
OLYMPICS**



Who were the Ancient Greeks?

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.

Where is Greece?



Greek flag



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



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.

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.

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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?

Greek Alphabet

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| Α Alpha | Β Beta | Γ Gamma | Δ Delta |
| Ε Epsilon | Ζ Zeta | Η Eta | Θ Theta |
| Ι Iota | Κ Kappa | Λ Lambda | Μ Mu |
| Ν Nu | Ξ Xi | Ο Omicron | Π Pi |
| Ρ Rho | Σ Sigma | Τ Tau | Υ Upsilon |
| Φ Phi | Χ Chi | Ψ Psi | Ω Omega |

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.



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

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?