

# Where is Greece?



# The adventures of Ancient Greece!

The Olympic Games started in Ancient Greece. 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.



Map Showing Ancient Greece around 750 BC

## Keywords

Ancient	Very old
Past	Already happened
Era	Period in history
Athens	Capital city of Greece
Sparta	Ancient Greek city
Myth	An old story that may not be true
Story	A telling of what happened



Did you know that Ancient Greeks had their own Alphabet?

Athens and Sparta were the most important city states in Ancient Greece.



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

# Ancient Greece

**c. 700 BC**  
Homer writes the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* around this date.

**c. 650 BC**  
Around this date, the tyrant, Pisistratus, takes over the city state of Corinth.

**c. 500 BC**  
The Classical period starts around this date. There is a lot of interest in the arts, imagination and buildings.

**c. 460 BC**  
Hippocrates 'father of medicine' is born in Kos. His ideas on the human body and medicine are still used and recognised today.

**336 BC**  
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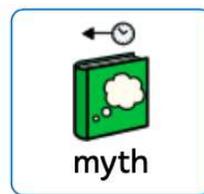
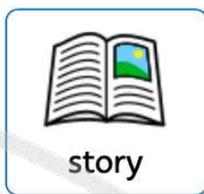
**776 BC**  
The first recorded Olympic Games are held. The only event at the first games is a foot race but other events are added as time goes on. Events include chariot racing, boxing and other running events. The Games are held every four years at Olympia in part of a festival to honour the ancient Greek god, Zeus.

**c. 508 BC**  
Male citizens of Athens are given a chance to vote in order to decide how things should be run. This is called democracy and is thought to be one of the Greek's greatest ideas.

**c. 472 BC**  
Greek theatre becomes popular in Athens. 472 BC is thought to be the date when the oldest known Greek play, *The Persians*, was performed.

**432 BC**  
The Parthenon, a magnificent temple in Athens, is completed. It houses a huge statue of Athena, the goddess of the city.

**146 BC**  
The Romans conquer the Peloponnese of the Peloponnese and Greece falls under the rule of the Roman Empire.

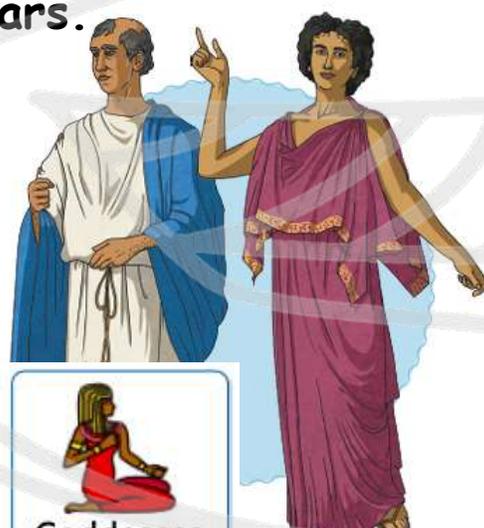
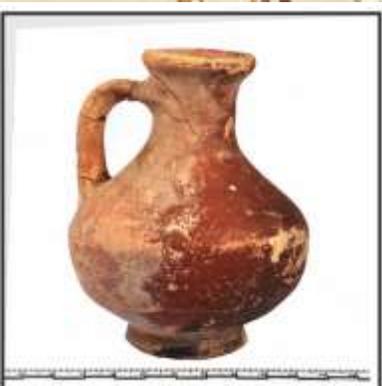


A myth is a traditional story, usually about heroes and gods.



The Ancient Greek civilization lasted for around 900 years.

**Keywords**



The Greeks believed that gods and goddesses watched over them.



Trojan	People of the city of Troy
War	Organised fighting between nations or groups
Gods	Powerful spiritual being worshipped by human
Goddesses	Powerful spiritual being worshipped by human (female)
Olympia	Sanctuary city, home to Zeus.

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

**Why do people tell stories?**