

Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

philosophy	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.
Athenians	It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilization.
Spartans	The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.
democracy	Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their own personal lives
plague	The Plague of Athens was an epidemic that devastated the city-state of Athens.
Zeus	The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles.
Apollo	Apollo is the god of music, truth and prophecy.
temple	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.
Language	The spoken and written word. The Greek alphabet is very similar to ours today, made up of signs and symbols. Many of the words we use in our own language today have been derived y Greek words.
Theatre	A place built by the Greeks to house amazing performances and musical concerts.
Dionysus	Greek God The god of plays and wine.



Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.
- Theatre of Dionysus – was built at the bottom of Athenian Acropolis and is said to be the worlds first major theatre. It was built in honour of the Greek God Dionysus..
- The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.

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