



ANCIENT GREECE AND THE GREEKS

The first people lived in Greece at around 3000BC on an Island called Crete. Ancient Greece was split into smaller areas called city states. These include Athens, Sparta, Corinth and Olympia.

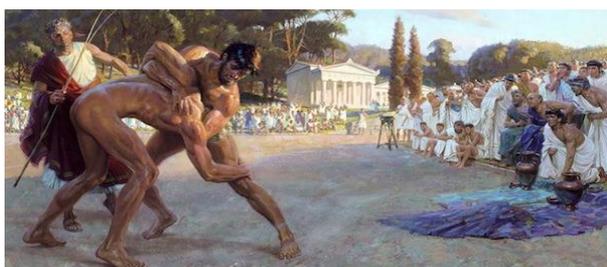
DEMOCRACY

There were three main systems in Ancient Greece: the Ekklesia, the Boule and the Dikasteria. There were no rules or police so the Dikasteria decided what the punishments would be for those who committed crimes. Greek women, children and slaves were left out of democracy.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The Olympic Games began in Olympia in 776BC. It was believed that the Olympic Games were a religious event to honour Zeus, King of the Gods. Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. Zeus was the God of the Sky and the King of Mount Olympus. Some events that took place in the Olympic Games are: boxing, chariot racing, long jump and javelin throwing.

Spartans were raised to be in the Army. Boys would start their training from the age of seven. They were trained to fight, steal food and live in the wild. The battle of Marathon began in 409BC when the Persian King, Darius wanted to invade Athens to expand his empire.



GREEK GODS AND TEMPLES

The Greeks believed in many Gods. A lot of the Gods lived in a cloud palace called Mount Olympus. The Trojan War is a famous story told in the poem written by Homer, a famous Greek writer. The Greeks put statues of their Gods in their temples. The most famous temple is called the Parthenon built on a high hill in Athens called the Acropolis. The Ancient Greeks told many stories of heroes and monsters that have become the myths and legends we know today.

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GREEK GOD HADES

- Brother of Zeus
- God of the Dead
- Ruled the Greek underworld where people went when they died.

Did you know?

He was also the God of Wealth because of the precious metals that were mined from the earth.

GREEK GOD ARES

- God of War
- Son of Zeus and Hera but did not like them.
- He was cruel and a coward.
- His symbols includes a vulture and a dog.
- Killed a giant Ekhidnades a fierce monster and enemy of the Gods.

Did you know?

His throne was upholstered in human skin.



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EXAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. How many different city states was Ancient Greece split into?
2. When did the Olympic Games begin?
3. Name an event that happened at the Greek Olympic Games?
4. What is the name of the most famous Greek temple?
5. Which Greek God had the symbols a vulture and a dog?