

Why is Ancient Greece still significant?



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History Knowledge Organiser



Who were the Ancient Greeks and where did they come from?

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. There were Greeks in Italy, Sicily, Turkey, North Africa, and as far west as France. They sailed the sea to trade and find new lands.

What beliefs did the Ancient Greeks hold?

Greeks worshipped their gods by a number of different ways. They built sanctuaries, temples and treasuries to store precious gifts. They also visited temples so that they could leave gifts and worship god.

They worshipped twelve gods who they believed protected the world. The gods were called the Olympians.

What was the difference between Athens and Sparta?

Athens and Sparta fought for many years and had different beliefs.

Athens is significant for democracy and great thinkers (Socrates, Plato and Aristotle).

Sparta is significant for their fearsome army.

What myths and fables did the Ancient Greeks create?

A myth is a fantastical adventure of gods and heroes.

Fables are gentle stories that point out a truth or moral.

Fables and myths were both important to the Ancient Greeks.

Aesop was a Greek fabulist and storyteller.

Why were the Olympic games invented by the Greeks?

The Olympics took place on neutral ground, this was known as the sanctuary of the god Zeus. The Olympics were written about and it was a peaceful competition between the city states. Normally the city states were at war but during the Olympics a truce was declared.

For the Greeks it was very important to win the Olympics as this brought honour to their city-state. During the Olympics, women competed in a separate competition known as Heraia.

Key Vocabulary

City state

Democracy

Legionaries

Auxiliaries

Centurion

Empire

Republic



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