

# History • World History: Ancient Greeks

**Key Learning Question:** Where do we see evidence of the Ancient Greeks today?



## Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating the past:

- About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world.
- The Romans were inspired by Greek civilisation, and we still see evidence of ancient Greece in the modern world.
- The Olympic games originated in the town of Olympia and was a festival of games to celebrate the Greek Gods.
- The Ancient Greeks believed in many different Gods. They were depicted in statues, coins, pottery, mosaics and artworks.
- Modern day Britain is a democracy, our government is voted for by the people. This idea was first established in ancient Greece.
- The Battle of Marathon is commemorated each year at marathon running events in London and around the world.
- The first theatres, plays and playwrights were found in ancient Greek civilization. They inspired the works of Shakespeare and our modern theatres.



## Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating historically

democracy: When a country is ruled by the people.

civilization: the way of life of people or a society

Mount Olympus: highest mountain peak in Greece, home of the Gods and seat of Zeus.

Zeus: ruler of the Gods in Greek mythology

Spartans: people from the city state of Sparta, loved military strength

Athenians: people of Athens, the heart of ancient Greek civilisation and where democracy began.

comedy: an amusing play with a happy ending

tragedy: a serious play that usually ends in death

satire: criticising or making fun of something through the use of clever wit

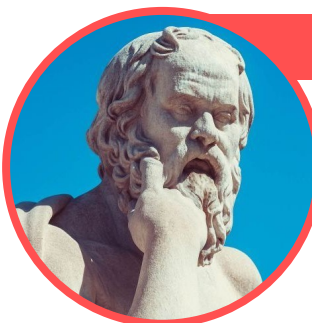
sacrifice: to give up something for the sake of something else

## Big Ideas:

- Chronology • Evolution & Technology • Beliefs • Society • Change Makers • Conflict



## Important People & Places

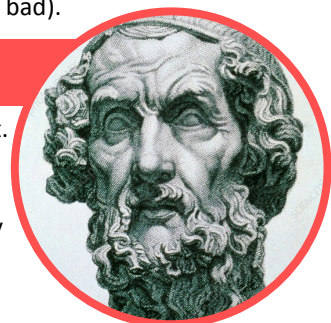


### Socrates

Socrates was a famous philosopher. A philosopher is someone who studies questions around the mind, reason and knowledge. Socrates was interested in studying "morals" (good and bad).

### Homer

Homer was a famous poet. He wrote two epic poems called the Iliad and the Odyssey. People still study and read his works today.



### Milo of Croton

Milo of Croton was a wrestler. Legend says he carried a bull on his shoulders, and could burst a band about his brow by inflating the veins of his temples.



## We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Stone Age to Iron Age (Y3)
- Romans in Britain (Y4)

## This will help when we learn about

- Early Islamic Civilization (Y5)
- The Kingdom of Benin (Y6)



## Timeline

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776BC

First Olympic Games at Olympia

750BC

Homer writes *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*

508BC

Athens develops first democracy

490BC

Battle of Marathon

146BC

Greece falls to the Roman Empire