

Holy Cross Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy - Ancient Greece

History is the study of the past, in particular the changes over time that have occurred within human society.

Vocabulary:

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| truce | a stop or end to war agreed to by all groups involved |
| plague | a disease that spread quickly and killed many people |
| Spartans | the people and culture of ancient Sparta |
| Athenians | the people, government or culture of Athens |
| democracy | a form of government where power rests with the people through elected representatives |
| demigod | a mythological being who is part human, part divine |
| parliament | the group of people who make the laws for a country |

Key Knowledge:

Who were the Ancient Greeks?

The Ancient Greeks lived in Greece and the countries we now call Bulgaria and Turkey over 4000 years ago. The Ancient Greece Empire spread over Europe as far as France in the East. The Ancient Greeks developed new ideas for government, science, art, philosophy and religion. The two most important cities in Ancient Greece were Athens and Sparta. The Greeks invented among other things, Trial by Jury and Democracy. The first Olympics was held in the Ancient Greek city of Olympia.

Throughout history, buildings have been constructed in the style of Ancient Greece. The British Museum is an example of this.

Ancient Greek Myths

Created thousands of years ago, Greek myths were epic stories about Greek gods, passed down over generations. They are often about heroic battles and terrible creatures, and taught the importance of bravery, intelligence, and right and wrong. They showed that even the gods, like mortal men, could be punished or rewarded for their actions. Details of these ancient tales have been found on everything from pottery to temples to stone statues!

Greek myths were a huge part of the religion in Ancient Greece, and offer a glimpse into the lives of the ancient people who told them.

