

Timeline	
1200 BC	Trojan war – Troy, a city-state waged a ten-year war against Ancient Greece.
776 BC	The first Olympic games take place in honour of Greece
600 BC	The first Greek coins are used to buy and sell coins
570 BC	Pythagoras is born. He made breakthroughs in science and maths.
508 BC	Democracy begins in Athens, giving greater power to the people.
490 BC	Battle of marathons- an attempt to end Greek rule by King Darius I of Persia
336 BC	Alexander the Great is King and completes many conquests.

Important places	
The Acropolis	The Acropolis of Athens is the best known acropolis in Greece – an acropolis is a settlement built on high ground
The Parthenon	The Parthenon is a temple in the middle of the Acropolis in Athens.
Mount Olympus	Mount Olympus is the highest mountain in Greece. Mount Olympus rises to 2,918m

Important people	
Alexander the Great	United Greece when he became King and used his military genius to conquer eastern Europe and Egypt
Socrates	Socrates was a famous philosopher, who taught others to question things.
Hera	As the wife of Zeus, Hera was considered as the queen of Mount Olympus
Zeus	Zeus was the king of the Greek gods, who lived on the Mount Olympus.



Greece

Critical Thinking

Our Big Question

Would our lives be different today without the influence of Greece?

Key information

Ancient Greece was one of the most sophisticated civilisations in the ancient world. When we talk about Ancient Greece, we usually mean the years between 800 BC and 146 BC when there was a lot of cultural, social and scientific progress.

Ancient Greece is famous for its mythology. Greek myths are stories that include magic and creatures, as well as the Greek gods and goddesses.

Vocabulary	
Amphitheatre	An open-air venue used for entertainment and sports.
Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled
Hoplite	The main type of soldier who fought on foot in Ancient Greece
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.
Titans	The first Greek gods.
Tyrant	The ruler of a Greek city-state, like a king but who seized power unfairly.

Modern Greece facts	
Location	Southeast Europe
Language	Greek
Currency	Euros
Capital city	Athens is the capital and largest city in Greece.
Flag	The blue of the Greek flag represents the sea and sky The cross represents the Greek Orthodox Church. The white lines represent the struggle for independence