

Vocabulary

ancient	Belonging to the very distant past
BC	Used to indicate that a date is before the Christian era
Circa	Around these dates
civilisation	A developed or organised way of living
City-states	An ancient city and its surrounding area with an independent government
democracy	A system where the government is elected by the people
fable	a short story, often with animals as characters, teaching a moral
Iliad and Odyssey	Two epic poems written by Homer
labyrinth	A complicated maze
legacy	Something handed down from the past
Minotaur	A mythical creature that was half-man, half-bull
myth	An ancient story that explains the early history of a group of people
philosopher	A person who studies or writes about human life

Important People

Alexander the Great	King of Macedonia and famous warrior.
Homer	A writer famous for writing the Iliad and the Odyssey.
Archimedes	Mathematician, scientist, inventor and astronomer.
Aesop	A storyteller who wrote fables.
Socrates	Socrates was an Ancient Greek philosopher.

Greek Gods and Goddesses

Zeus	King of the Greek Gods
Hera	Queen of the Greek Gods
Poseidon	Greek God of the Sea
Hades	Greek God of the Underworld
Apollo	Greek God of music, art and knowledge
Athena	Greek Goddess of wisdom
Ares	Greek God of war
Demeter	Greek Goddess of grain and harvest
Aphrodite	Greek Goddess of love and beauty
Hermes	Messenger of the Greek Gods

Greek Myths

Theseus and the Minotaur	Theseus from Athens killed the Minotaur belonging to King Minos to save his people.
Pandora's Box	Zeus gave a box to Pandora and told her never to open it. She opened it and terrible things, such as hate and sickness, came into the world. The last thing to come out was hope.

Aesop's Fables

The Hare and the Tortoise	The moral of this story is slow and steady wins the race.
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Ancient Greek Timeline

Circa 1600 BC	Greek civilisation begins and City-states are formed.
Circa 1200 BC	Trojan War is fought.
Circa 850-700 BC	Greek alphabet is developed.
776 BC	First Olympic Games.
Circa 750-700 BC	Homer writes the Iliad and the Odyssey.
508 BC	Democracy introduced in Athens.
490 BC	The Battle of Marathon.
336 BC	Alexander the Great conquers Persia and Egypt.
323 BC	Alexander the Great dies and Ancient Greek civilisation begins to decline.
146 BC	The Romans conquer Ancient Greece.

Map of Ancient Greece

