

Ancient Greece

KS2 - Knowledge Organiser



Key people	
Sophocles	Influential playwright known for writing over 120 plays, mainly tragedies. Most famous plays include Oedipus & Antigone.
Aesop	Former slave and storyteller famous for writing Aesop's Fables.
Homer	Legendary author famous for writing the Iliad & Odyssey.
Pythagoras	Philosopher & mathematician most known for his right-angle proof.
Archimedes	Scientist & mathematician; famous for reportedly yelling 'Eureka!' after realizing the link between volume, density & displacement.
Socrates	Credited as the Father of Western philosophy. Known for dialogues over writing.
Plato	Philosopher and student of Socrates; best known for writing 'Republic'.
Aristotle	Philosopher and student of Plato; pulled together existing philosophies resulting in his ideas influencing Western civilization for centuries to come.
Alexander the Great	King of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia; united and secured the whole of Greece and fought against the Persian Empire to the East. Died aged 32.
Key Vocabulary	
Acropolis	Fortified city core located on a rocky outcrop above Athens.
polytheistic	Religious system where people believe in or worship more than one god.
democracy	A system of government where eligible people elect representatives.
oligarchy	A system of government where a small group of people control everything.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods, primarily twelve Olympian Gods.
parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena located on the Athenian Acropolis.
titans	An older generation of Gods including Cronus & Rhea who were the children of earlier Gods and parents to the Olympian Gods (who later overthrew them).
City state	A city that had its own government and rules the area around it e.g. Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Delphi & Thebes (Greek = Polis)
Olympics	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus.

