

Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

philosophy

Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.

Athenians

It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilization.

Spartans

The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.

democracy

Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their own personal lives

Olympics

The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of and for Zeus

plague

The **Plague** of Athens was an epidemic that devastated the city-state of Athens.

truce

Is when two fighting sides declare peace or a break in the war.

Zeus

The supreme god of the Olympians, **Zeus** was the father of Perseus and Heracles.

loincloth

A single piece of cloth wrapped round the hips, typically worn by men in some hot countries as their only garment.

Apollo

Apollo is the god of music, truth and prophecy.

Sacred truce

A special truce called whilst the Olympics were taking place.

temple

A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.



Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- ☐ The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.
- ☐ Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
- ☐ The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- ☐ Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.

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