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THE ANCIENT GREEKS

The Ancient Greeks were people that lived around 2500 years ago in Greece. The country consists of the mainland and many islands.



The Ancient Greeks were known for their culture and trade. They were renowned for:



Theatre



Philosophers



Architecture



Travel and Trade



Olympics



Pottery

SPARTANS VS ATHENIANS

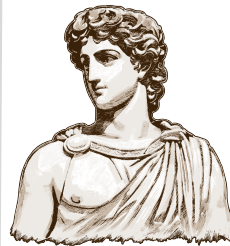
Athens and Sparta were the two most powerful cities in Greece but they were very opposite to each other.



Athens ruled as a **democracy** and were the first to do so. This means a group of officials made decisions. Sparta ruled as a **diarchy** (ruled by 2 kings).

- Athens valued education, art and philosophy.
- Sparta valued strength, their military and obedience.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT



Alexander the Great ruled from 336 BC. He was a great leader and strategist and led his armies to conquer many Mediterranean states and the Persian Empire. He strongly believed in a Hellenistic (devotion to traditional values) view and led his conquests with this belief.

DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT GREECE

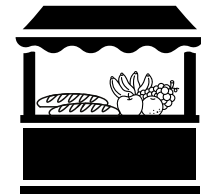
People worked in farming, fishing, or as traders, soldiers and scholars (scientists, artists and teachers).

For many Greeks, life was hard, as they were often poor and resources like water, farmland and timber for building could be scarce. For this reason lots of Greeks sailed away to find new lands to settle. The Greek mainland was also very mountainous which made travelling by land more difficult.

Daily life could also include:



Watching sporting events



Shopping at the local markets



Socialising and listening to music

RELIGION

Religion played an important role for the Ancient Greeks. They were devoted to the pantheon of gods. They would worship in sanctuaries and temples dedicated to them. The Greeks believed all elements of nature were divinely controlled.

