

Ellie's Ancient Greece Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To identify and categorise key features of Ancient Greek life, including social roles, architecture, and daily activities.

Ellie the elephant has been reading her history books and needs your help! Sort the items below into the correct columns: 'Daily Life', 'Gods and Myths', or 'Architecture and Art'. Once you have sorted them, use the clues to answer the questions about how these things fit into life in Ancient Greece.

Word bank: Parthenon · Democracy · Zeus · Pottery painting · Mount Olympus · Olive oil harvesting · Columns · Athena · Olympic Games

1. Choose one item from 'Architecture and Art'. Why do you think the Ancient Greeks built such grand structures with tall columns? (2 marks)

2. The Ancient Greeks held the first Olympic Games in honour of Zeus. How is this similar or different to modern sporting events? (2 marks)

3. Explain why 'Democracy' is considered a very important invention from Ancient Greece. (2 marks)

4. If you lived in an Ancient Greek city-state, which of the items in the word bank would you encounter most often in your day-to-day life? Explain your choice. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think myths about gods like Athena and Zeus were so important to the people living in Ancient Greece? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of a busy Ancient Greek marketplace (an agora). Include at least one example of a tall column, a clay pot with a geometric pattern, and someone trading goods.



Extension challenge: Research the cost of a simple meal in Ancient Greece using drachmae. If 10 drachmae was roughly equivalent to £2.50 in today's money, how much would a meal costing 40 drachmae be in pounds sterling?