

Ancient Greece: A Journey Through Social Studies / History

Learning objective: To assess knowledge and understanding of Ancient Greek life, governance, and legacy.

Read each question carefully and answer in full sentences where required. Use the word bank to help you with your spelling.

Ellie the elephant is visiting the ruins of an ancient site. She remembers that Ancient Greece was not one single country, but a collection of independent city-states, each with its own laws and customs. While Athens is famous for being the birthplace of democracy, other states like Sparta were known for their focus on physical strength and military training.

Word bank: Democracy · Olympics · City-state · Acropolis · Philosophy · Athens · Sparta · Mythology

1. Explain what a 'city-state' is in the context of Ancient Greece. Why were they different from countries today? (2 marks)

2. Name the city-state that is known as the birthplace of democracy. (1 mark)

3. Describe one way in which life in Sparta was different from life in Athens. (2 marks)

4. The Ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Name two Greek gods or goddesses and explain what they were the patron of. (3 marks)

5. What was the purpose of the ancient Olympic Games, and how often were they held? (2 marks)

6. Identify one piece of architecture or invention from Ancient Greece that is still used or seen in the modern world today. (2 marks)

7. Imagine you are a citizen living in Athens during the Golden Age. Describe your daily life, including what you might eat, what you might wear, and the jobs you might do. Explain why you are proud to live in a democracy. (5 marks)

8. Why do historians believe that the writings of Greek philosophers like Socrates and Plato are still important to study today? (4 marks)

9. If a merchant was selling pottery in the marketplace, and a vase cost £4 and a small oil lamp cost £1.50, how much would it cost to buy two vases and one oil lamp? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a Greek temple, making sure to include the tall columns that were famous in their architecture.



Extension challenge: Total: /25