

Ancient Greece: The World of Ellie the Historian

Journey back in time with Ellie the Elephant to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece!

- Ancient Greece was not one single country, but a collection of independent city-states like Athens and Sparta, each with its own laws and rulers.
- The Greeks created 'democracy', which means 'rule by the people'. In Athens, citizens could vote on important decisions in the assembly.
- The Olympic Games began in 776 BC in the city of Olympia to honour Zeus, the king of the gods. Athletes competed in sports like running, wrestling, and chariot racing.
- Greek architecture is famous for using tall, elegant columns. You can still see the ruins of the Parthenon, a beautiful temple on the Acropolis in Athens.
- Ancient Greek mythology is a collection of stories about powerful gods and goddesses who lived on Mount Olympus and controlled different parts of the world.
- Many of our modern words, as well as ideas in science, maths, and theatre, have their roots in the clever discoveries made by the Ancient Greeks.

Did you know? Did you know that the ancient Greeks invented the very first marathon? It was inspired by a messenger named Pheidippides, who legend says ran over 26 miles from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce a victory!

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