A Day in the Life: Ancient Greece Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a descriptive account from the perspective of a person living in Ancient Greece, using historical knowledge of society and daily life.

Use this writing frame to help Ellie the Elephant explore history! Answer each section to build your story. Remember to use your historical knowledge of Ancient Greek homes, clothes, and culture.

The morning sun warmed the marble columns of the city, and the busy sounds of the marketplace began to fill the air.

Word bank: furthermore · meanwhile · in addition to · consequently · tunic · agora · city-state · traditionally · vibrant · nevertheless

1. Introduction: Describe where you live and what you are wearing. Start with: 'I woke up in my home in the city-state of...', (2 marks)

2. The Morning Routine: Describe your breakfast or a chore you must do. Start with: 'Before the sun reached its peak, I had to...', (2 marks)

3. The Agora: Describe what you see, hear, and smell at the marketplace. Start with: 'As I walked through the crowded agora, I noticed...', (3 marks)

4. An Evening Activity: Describe how you spend your time after work, perhaps at a theatre or a gathering. Start with: 'As evening approached, the city became...', (3 marks)

5. Reflection: How is your life different from the modern day? Start with: 'Looking back on my day, I realise that life in Ancient Greece is...', (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research the cost of goods in the agora! If a loaf of bread costs 2 drachmae and a jar of olive oil costs 5 drachmae, how much would it cost to buy three loaves and two jars of oil? Write your calculation using £ symbols as if you were a trader.