

Ellie's Ancient Greek Adventure

Learning objective: To retrieve, infer, and evaluate information about Ancient Greek life and society.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below. Ensure you use full sentences for your explanations.

Ellie the elephant, known for her incredible memory, recently travelled back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Greece. She discovered that this civilisation was not one single country, but a collection of independent city-states. Athens was perhaps the most famous, where citizens gathered to discuss new ideas in a system called democracy. Ellie was fascinated to learn that only certain people were allowed to vote, which was very different from how we make decisions today. While walking up the steep, rocky path to the Acropolis, a high citadel overlooking the city, Ellie saw magnificent temples built to honour the gods. In the bustling marketplace, known as the agora, merchants sold olives, pottery, and vibrant fabrics. Beyond the city walls, farmers worked the rugged landscape, growing grapes and olives in the warm Mediterranean sun. Ellie noticed that while the Greeks were brilliant thinkers and artists, life was physically demanding and relied heavily on the trade of natural resources. She left with a deep respect for how these ancient people shaped the foundations of modern society through their architecture, politics, and philosophy.

Word bank: Acropolis · Democracy · Philosopher · Citadel · Merchant

1. Identify two types of goods that merchants sold in the Ancient Greek agora. (2 marks)

2. Where was the Acropolis located in relation to the city of Athens? (2 marks)

3. Based on the text, why might the landscape of Greece have influenced the type of food the people grew? (3 marks)

4. Explain why Ellie might describe the Greek system of democracy as 'different' from how we make decisions today. (3 marks)

5. If you could visit Ancient Greece, would you prefer to spend your day in the busy agora or studying on the quiet Acropolis? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from an Ancient Greek city-state, including the high Acropolis on a hill and a busy marketplace below with jars of olives and pottery.



Extension challenge: Compare and contrast the lifestyle of an Ancient Greek farmer with that of a modern-day professional. Explain why you think the Greeks placed such importance on building their temples on the highest point of the city, the Acropolis.