

Ellie's Ancient Greek Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the chronology of Ancient Greece and sequence key events and developments.

Ellie the elephant has been studying her history books, but she has jumbled up the timeline! Look at the historical events listed below. Your task is to sort these events into the correct chronological order, from the earliest (1) to the latest (6). Once you have numbered them, answer the reflection questions about how life changed in Ancient Greece.

Word bank: The First Olympic Games · The Rise of Athens as a Democracy · The Construction of the Parthenon · The Battle of Marathon · The Rule of Alexander the Great · The Minoan Civilisation on Crete

1. 1. The Minoan Civilisation on Crete
2. The First Olympic Games
3. The Battle of Marathon
4. The Rise of Athens as a Democracy
5. The Construction of the Parthenon
6. The Rule of Alexander the Great

Number these in the correct historical order (1-6). (6 marks)

2. Why do you think the Greeks decided to build the Parthenon on the highest hill in Athens (the Acropolis)? (2 marks)

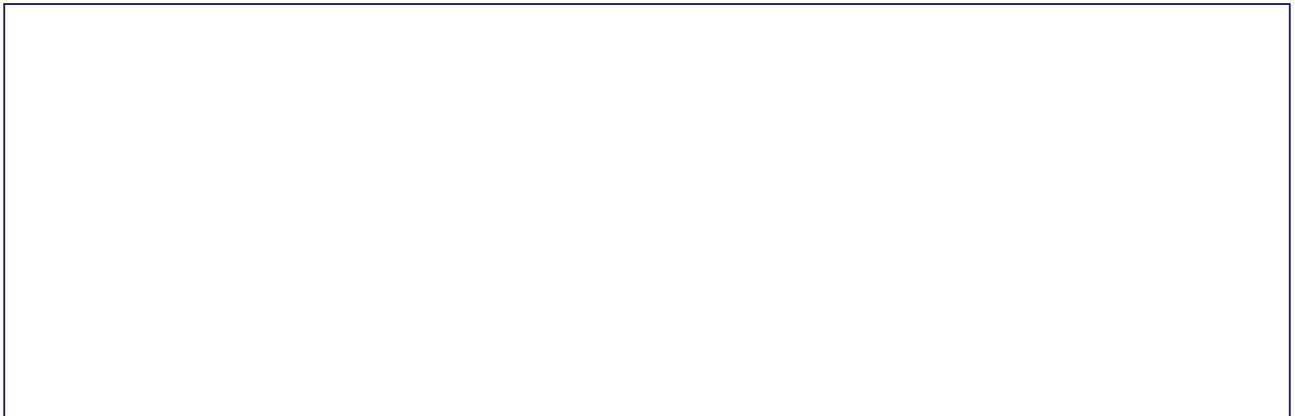
3. In the Ancient Olympic Games, winners were awarded an olive wreath rather than money. What does this suggest about what the Greeks valued? (2 marks)

4. What is one major difference between how Athens was governed (democracy) compared to how many other civilisations were ruled at that time? (2 marks)

5. Alexander the Great travelled as far as India. How did this help spread Greek culture across the world? (2 marks)

6. If you could visit any period of Ancient Greek history, which one would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a Greek temple, focusing on the tall columns and the triangular roof shape known as a pediment.



Extension challenge: Research a Greek god or goddess. Write a short diary entry from their perspective describing one of the events you placed on your timeline.