

Ancient Greece: Fact-File Explorer with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To identify and describe key features of Ancient Greek life, including democracy, culture, and daily existence.

Ellie the Elephant is visiting the ruins of Ancient Greece and needs your help to organise her historical notes. Use your knowledge from our lessons to complete each section of this fact-file. Remember to use full sentences and clear, descriptive language.

Word bank: Democracy · Olympics · City-state · Philosophy · Architecture · Mythology · Acropolis · Agora

1. The Birth of Democracy: Explain how the Ancient Greek system of democracy worked and how it differs from a monarchy. (3 marks)

2. Life in a City-state: Describe the differences between the city-states of Athens and Sparta. (3 marks)

3. Ancient Greek Architecture: Describe one key feature of a Greek temple, such as the Parthenon, and explain its purpose. (2 marks)

4. Gods and Myths: Choose one Greek myth or deity and explain what lesson or natural phenomenon the Greeks were trying to explain. (2 marks)

5. The First Olympics: Why were the Olympic Games held, and what sports were the athletes expected to compete in? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a citizen living in Ancient Athens. Write a short journal entry (3-4 sentences) describing your visit to the Agora to buy food and hear the latest news.