

Ancient Greece: Assessment for Young Historians

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Ancient Greek society, daily life, and cultural achievements.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide clear, detailed answers. Write in full sentences where indicated.

Ellie the elephant has been travelling through time to explore the world of Ancient Greece. She discovered that Greece was not one single country, but a collection of independent city-states. While Athens was famous for its thinkers and its early form of democracy, Sparta was renowned for its powerful army and disciplined way of life. Ellie also learned that the Greeks built magnificent temples, held grand athletic festivals, and told incredible stories about their gods and goddesses.

Word bank: Democracy · City-state · Olympics · Parthenon · Philosophy · Mythology · Assembly · Sparta · Athens

1. Define what a 'city-state' was in Ancient Greece and explain why they were often independent from one another. (2 marks)

2. Name one major difference between how people lived in Athens compared to how they lived in Sparta. (2 marks)

3. What was the 'Assembly' in Athens, and why was it significant for the development of democracy? (3 marks)

4. Identify two ways in which the Ancient Greek Olympics were similar to or different from modern sporting events. (3 marks)

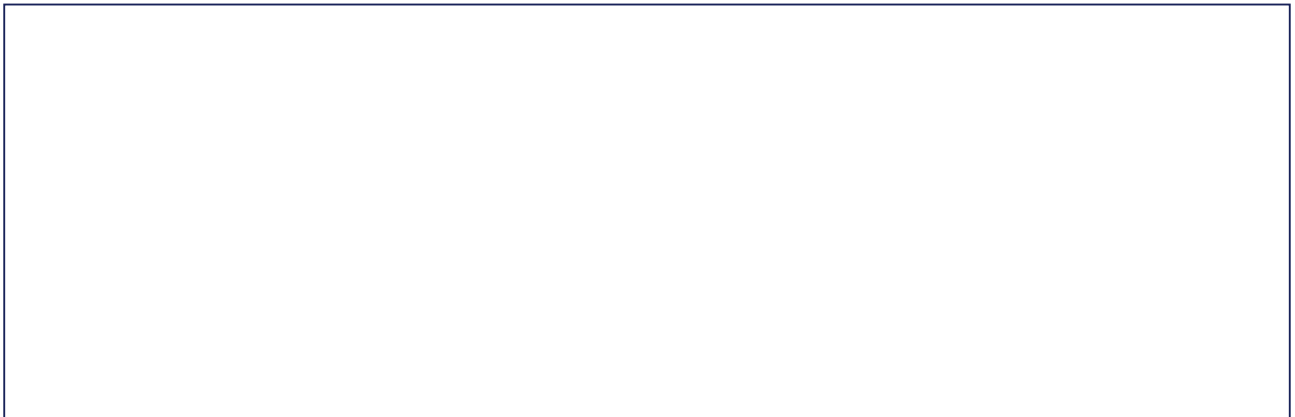
5. Explain why the Ancient Greeks built grand temples like the Parthenon. Who were these buildings dedicated to? (3 marks)

6. Compare and contrast the roles of men and women in Athenian society. Justify your answer using evidence of their daily duties. (4 marks)

7. Extended Response: Imagine you are a citizen living in Ancient Athens. Write a short paragraph describing how the introduction of democracy changed your life. Consider who was allowed to vote and how decisions were made. (5 marks)

8. What might happen if all the Greek city-states had been united under one single king? Give one reason for your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a Greek temple, including at least one architectural feature such as a Doric or Ionic column.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are a historian discovering a new Ancient Greek artefact. Describe the object, what it was used for, and what it tells us about the values of the Ancient Greek people.