

Ellie's Ancient Greece Expedition Journal

Learning objective: To analyse the legacy of Ancient Greece and reflect on how their society compares to our own.

Imagine you are an explorer travelling back in time with Ellie the elephant. Use your historical knowledge to complete this journal entry. Use full sentences and clear evidence to support your answers. Think about the impact of the Ancient Greeks on our modern world.

Word bank: Democracy · Philosopher · City-state · Olympics · Architecture · Acropolis · Legacy · Civic duty

1. The Greek City-States: Explain why Ancient Greece was organised into independent city-states rather than one single country. What were the advantages and disadvantages of this system? (3 marks)

2. Daily Life and Values: Compare and contrast the lives of citizens in Athens and Sparta. What did they value most, and why might these values be different? (3 marks)

3. Democratic Foundations: Justify why the Athenian system of 'democracy' is considered one of the most important legacies of the Ancient Greek world. (2 marks)

4. Architectural Influence: Identify one feature of Ancient Greek architecture (such as columns or pediments) that you can still see on buildings in your local area today. (2 marks)

5. Critical Thinking: What might happen if the Olympic Games had never been invented by the Ancient Greeks? Explain the significance of these games in uniting different city-states. (3 marks)

6. Legacy Reflection: If you could bring one invention or idea from Ancient Greece into the modern day, which would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Time-Traveler's Guide' for a tourist visiting the Acropolis in 450 BC. Include a list of three 'Must-See' locations and explain the historical significance of each one. Use persuasive language to encourage visitors to respect the ancient sites.