

## A Journey to Ancient Greece with Ellie

Step into the sandals of history! Explore the wonders of Ancient Greece.

- Ancient Greece was not one single country, but a collection of independent city-states like Athens and Sparta, each with its own laws and rulers.
- The city of Athens is famous for inventing 'democracy', a system where citizens could vote on important decisions, though only some people were allowed to be citizens.
- Ancient Greeks were incredible architects who built massive temples on high hills called an 'Acropolis' to honor their gods and goddesses.
- Greek philosophers, such as Socrates and Plato, spent their time asking big questions about the world and how humans should live their lives.
- The Greeks told epic stories called myths to explain the world around them, featuring powerful deities who lived on the misty peaks of Mount Olympus.

*Did you know? Did you know? The very first Olympic Games were held in 776 BC in honor of Zeus. Athletes competed in a stadium, and the winner's prize was simply a wreath made of olive leaves!*

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