

Ancient Greece: The Historian's Fact-File

Learning objective: To analyse the achievements, society, and legacy of Ancient Greek civilisation.

Use this template to record your research on Ancient Greece. Ellie the Elephant, our history expert, suggests you use your best note-taking skills to explain how this civilisation continues to influence our modern world. Ensure your responses are detailed and use historical vocabulary.

Word bank: Democracy · City-state · Philosophy · Olympics · Architecture · Mythology · Civic duty · Empire

1. Identify and explain the structure of the Greek 'city-state' (polis). How did this system differ from the way we govern our country today? (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the roles of citizens in Athens versus Sparta. Justify why these two city-states often had conflicting priorities. (4 marks)

3. Select one major invention or cultural contribution from Ancient Greece (e.g., the Olympics or theatre). Explain why this is still significant in the twenty-first century. (3 marks)

4. What might happen if the concept of 'democracy' had never been developed in Athens? Predict how society might be different today. (4 marks)

5. Describe the influence of Greek mythology on their daily lives. How did they use these stories to explain natural phenomena they did not yet understand? (3 marks)

6. Evaluate the legacy of Greek architecture. Why do we still replicate features like columns and pediments on modern public buildings? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter living in 450 BC. Write a short newspaper-style article justifying whether you would prefer to live in Athens or Sparta, citing at least three pieces of evidence from your research.