Ancient Greece: A Journey into the Past with Ellie

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of Ancient Greek society, governance, and cultural contributions.

Read each question carefully. Use your historical knowledge to provide clear and accurate answers. Ellie the elephant has provided a word bank to help you with your terminology.

Ellie the elephant has spent years studying the ancient world. She notes that Ancient Greece was not a single country like we have today, but a collection of independent city-states. These city-states, such as Athens and Sparta, often had very different ways of life, yet they shared a common language and belief system that shaped the Western world forever.

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

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

2. Identify one major difference between the daily lives of citizens living in Athens compared to those living in Sparta. (2 marks)

3. Explain the concept of 'democracy' as it first emerged in Athens. Who was allowed to participate, and who was excluded? (3 marks)

4. List two significant cultural or scientific contributions the Ancient Greeks made that still influence our lives today. (4 marks)

5. Describe the purpose and significance of the ancient Olympic Games. Why were they held, and what happened during the competition? (4 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Ellie the elephant wants you to imagine you are a traveller in Ancient Greece. Compare and contrast life in a peaceful, artistic city-state with the military-focused life of Sparta. Use historical evidence to support your answer. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled diagram of a Greek Acropolis, including a temple, a theatre, and a marketplace (agora).

Extension challenge: Research a famous Greek philosopher or mathematician. Write a short paragraph explaining why their ideas were considered revolutionary at the time. Total: /25