A Journey into Ancient Greece with Ellie

Learning objective: To structure an informative historical report about life in Ancient Greece, focusing on key societal features.

Use this writing frame to organise your research into a cohesive report. Ellie the elephant has provided prompts to help you describe the importance of Ancient Greece. Remember to use formal language and clear paragraphs.

Ancient Greece is often referred to as the cradle of Western civilisation, having left an indelible mark on modern philosophy, democracy, and architecture.

Word bank: Furthermore · Consequently · In contrast · Significantly · During the Classical period · A major development · In addition to this · Whilst · It is evident that

1. Introduction: Define the era and location of Ancient Greece. Start with: 'Ancient Greece was a collection of city-states, the most famous being Athens and Sparta, which flourished during...' (2 marks)

2. Democratic Foundations: Explain how Athens introduced democracy. Start with: 'One of the most significant contributions of the Athenians was the introduction of a democratic system, which meant that...' (3 marks)

3. Daily Life and Culture: Describe the role of theatre, sports, or the home. Start with: 'Life in Ancient Greece was diverse, with a strong emphasis placed upon...' (3 marks)

4. Architecture and Science: Discuss the legacy of Greek buildings or scientific inquiry. Start with: 'The Greeks were master architects and thinkers, as demonstrated by the construction of...' (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why Ancient Greece still matters today. Start with: 'In conclusion, the legacy of Ancient Greece continues to influence our world today because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific Greek god or goddess and write a short paragraph explaining their significance to the Ancient Greeks, using at least one piece of evidence from your studies.