Ancient Greece: Society and Legacy with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the structure of Ancient Greek city-states and evaluate the lasting influence of Ancient Greek society on the modern world.

Use your knowledge of Ancient Greece to answer the following questions. Remember to provide clear explanations and use historical terminology where possible.

Ellie the elephant has been traveling through time to learn about the Ancient Greeks! She has been studying how the people lived, the governments they formed, and the amazing ideas they shared that we still use today.

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

1. Explain the difference between life in Athens and life in Sparta. In your answer, focus on what each society valued most. (3 marks)

2. What is 'democracy' and why is the Athenian system of government considered so important for our world today? (2 marks)

3. Ancient Greece was made up of independent 'poleis'. Define what a city-state was and describe one feature typically found on the high ground of these cities. (2 marks)

4. The Greeks spent a great deal of money and time on public festivals, such as the ancient Olympic Games. If a local merchant sold 15 tickets to a festival at £4 each, what was the total revenue in pounds? (1 mark)

5. Choose one major achievement of the Ancient Greeks (e.g., architecture, theater, or medicine) and explain how it still influences our lives in the 21st century. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of a Greek temple, focusing on the architectural features like columns and a pediment. Label the parts of the building.

Extension challenge: Research the roles of women and enslaved people in Athens compared to Sparta. Write a short paragraph explaining why their lives were so different from the lives of male citizens.