

# Who were the Ancient Greeks?

Subject Specific Vocabulary			Historical Skills	
<b>philosophy</b>	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe and society.		<h3>Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays. Most cities had a theatre.</li> <li>❑ Events at the Ancient Greek Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.</li> <li>❑ The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods. They believed that gods and goddesses watched over them.</li> <li>❑ It is amazing, if not surprising, to discover just how much of today's Britain have their origins in Ancient Greek society. The arts, sports, medicine, law, language, science, mathematics, philosophy, buildings and even some inventions, have all been greatly influenced by the Ancient Greeks.</li> </ul>	
<b>Athens</b>	It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilisation.			
<b>Spartans</b>	The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers.			
<b>democracy</b>	Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their personal lives.			
<b>Olympics</b>	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival or celebration of Zeus.			
<b>plague</b>	The plague of Athens was an epidemic illness that devastated the city.			
<b>truce</b>	A truce is when two fighting sides declare peace or a break in the war.			
<b>Zeus</b>	The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles.			
<b>loincloth</b>	A single piece of cloth wrapped round the hips, typically worn by men in some hot countries as their only garment.			
<b>Apollo</b>	Apollo was the god of music, truth and prophecy.			
<b>sacred truce</b>	A special truce called whilst the Olympics were taking place.			
<b>temple</b>	A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods.			