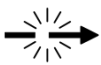






The Ancient Greeks

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Impact 	a marked effect or an influence on something.
Democracy 	a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives.
Oligarchy	A type of ruling structure in which a few people wield power.
Culture 	Culture is a pattern of behaviour shared by a society, or group of people. Many different things make up a society's culture. These things include food, language, clothing, tools, music, arts, customs, beliefs, and religion.
Empire 	an extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state.
Architecture 	the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings:
Ambiguous	open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

The Ancient Greeks were one of the most influential civilisations in history. Their legacy can be seen everywhere today, particularly in Western Europe.

The English language has many words that come from Ancient Greek and our political system was first seen in the Ancient Greek city of Athens.

Ancient Greece was made up of separate city-states and conflict between them was frequent. At times, these individual city-states came together to fight a common enemy, as they did when fighting the Persian army from the north.

Although the Romans eventually conquered the Greeks, Greek culture and language spread far and wide. The army commander Alexander the Great and famous Roman thinkers were all influenced by this great civilisation.

2200 BC	First Greek civilisation, the Minoan, grows up in Crete.
1600 BC	Mycenaean civilisation grows on the mainland.
1450 BC	End of the Minoan period.
1200 BC	The Trojan War begins between Athens and Troy.
1100 BC	End of Mycenaean period – Ancient Greece enters the 'Dark Age'.
776 BC	First Olympic Games.
508 BC	Democracy is founded in Athens.
490 BC	Ancient Greeks defeat the Persians at Marathon.
480 BC	Battle of Salamis – Greeks defeat the Persians at this naval battle.
480 BC	Classical Greek period begins – 'the Golden Age'.
432 BC	Parthenon in Athens is completed.
431 BC	Start of the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta.
404 BC	The Peloponnesian War ends with the defeat of Athens.
336 BC	Alexander the Great rules Ancient Greece and establishes the Ancient Greek Empire.
323 BC	End of the Classical period and start of the Hellenistic period.
146 BC	Rome conquers Greece and it becomes part of the Roman Empire.

Ancient Sparta



Athens – The Parthenon at

