

Important places

1	Athens	City named after Athena, birthplace of democracy.
2	Crete	An island south of Greek mainland.
3	Macedonia	Home to Alexander the Great.
4	Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek Gods.
5	Peloponnese	The part of Greece where the Spartans lived.
6	Sparta	City-State famous for training boys as warriors.

Important people

1	King Minos	Legendary King of Crete.
2	King Xerxes	King of Persia who wanted to take over Greece.
3	King Leonidas	King of the Spartan army that battled the Persians.
4	Alexander the Great	King of Macedonia who conquered many lands.
5	Aristotle	Student of Plato and tutor to Alexander the Great.
6	Archimedes	One of the greatest scientists of the ancient world.
7	Homer	One of the most famous Greek Poets.

Vocabulary

1	Hellas	The way Greece is known to its inhabitants.
2	City-States	A city and the area of land around it that together make up an independent state.
3	Acropolis	A hill-top fort built on high ground to protect the city.
4	Agora	The meeting place and market in the middle of a Greek town.
5	Democracy	Literally 'rule by people'. In Athens, this meant that all citizens had a right to take part in government.
6	Dark Age of Greece	The period between the collapse of the Mycenaean civilisation and 800BC. Very little is known about this period.
7	Golden Age of Greece	The period in Greek history where Greece became increasingly rich and powerful.
8	Greek myth	A traditional story used by ancient societies to explain the world around them. They often involved gods and the supernatural.
9	Conquer	Overcome and take control of (a place or people) by military force.
10	Tyrant	A ruler in complete charge of a state.
11	Campaign	A series of military operations intended to achieve a goal, confined to a particular area, or involving a specified type of fighting.



Greek Gods

1	Zeus	King of Gods, and also of sky and thunder.
2	Poseidon	God of the sea.
3	Athena	Goddess of wisdom and warfare.
4	Ares	God of war and chaos.
5	Apollo	God of the sun.
6	Artemis	Goddess of the moon.
7	Heracles	Son of Zeus. Half God, half human and hero of many adventures.