## **Ancient Greece**

## Big Question: What impact did Ancient Greece have on later civilizations?

|    | Vocabulary                        |                                                             |  |  |  |  |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1  | ancient In the very distant past. |                                                             |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | civilization                      | The stage of human and cultural development that is         |  |  |  |  |
|    |                                   | considered most advanced.                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 3  | city states                       | Cities that have their own sovereignty (their own power).   |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | empire                            | A political unit made up of several territories and people. |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | democracy                         | A system of government where people elect their leaders.    |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | philosopher                       | Someone who studies or writes about the meaning of life.    |  |  |  |  |
| 7  | classical                         | Relating to Greek art and culture.                          |  |  |  |  |
| 8  | architecture                      | The practice of designing and constructing buildings.       |  |  |  |  |
| 9  | merchant                          | Buying and selling goods in large amounts.                  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | trade                             | The buying and selling of large numbers of goods.           |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | seafaring                         | Regularly travelling by sea.                                |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | myth                              | An ancient story about Gods and brave people, often one     |  |  |  |  |
|    |                                   | that explains an event in history or the natural world.     |  |  |  |  |

| Vocabulary with explanations                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Ancient Greece was not a country. It was made up of city states. There were often battles between these city states but      |  |  |  |  |  |
| sometimes they would join together against a common enemy. Important city states included Athens, Corinth and Sparta.        |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Olympic Games were first held in 776BC in Olympia                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Around 508BC, democracy was introduced in Athens. The ancient Athenians would debate and vote but only adult males           |  |  |  |  |  |
| who were citizens of Athens could participate.                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Trojan War is a very famous ancient Greek myth about a war between the Greek and Trojan armies.                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Battle of Marathon is one of the most famous Greek victories. They won a war with 10,000 men against 20,000              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Persians. The marathon is named after the Battle of Marathon- the distance Pheidippides ran to tell Athens of their victory. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sparta had the best trained army. A Spartan boy would start training to be a soldier at the age of 7.                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods. Many Gods lived in a cloud palace above Mount Olympus and would look               |  |  |  |  |  |
| down over the humans.                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| The ancient Greeks believed in many Gods. Some of them included, Zeus- God of the sky and King of Olympus; Poseidon-         |  |  |  |  |  |
| King of the sea; Ares- God of War; Aphrodite- Goddess of love and beauty; Hades- God of the underworld.                      |  |  |  |  |  |

| Alexander the Great           | Socrates    | Plato                          | Aristotle                           | The Acropolis                      | Mount Olympus              |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Known as the                  | One of the  | Student of                     | Student of Plato                    | The highest                        | A mountain in              |
| Ruler of the World            | most        | Socrates. He                   | and tutored                         | part of a city in                  | Greece but in              |
| and the most                  | influential | was                            | Alexander the                       | Ancient Greece                     | Greek                      |
| successful Empire             | founders of | interested in                  | Great. He spent a                   | containing the                     | mythology was              |
| builders .One of              | Western     | ideas of                       | great deal of time                  | most                               | the home of                |
| the greatest                  | philosophy. | justice and                    | learning about                      | important religious and            | the Gods and the throne of |
| military leaders of all time. |             | happiness. His ideas are still | biology and laid the foundations of | government buildings. This         | Zeus.                      |
|                               |             | used today.                    | science today.                      | building is the <b>Parthenon</b> . |                            |



