



LEARNING LIGHTHOUSE

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The Ancient Greek World

Find the mainland, the islands and the Aegean Sea.



Schematic map - not to scale

CITY-STATES

Athens and Sparta were separate city-states. They shared a language, but each had its own government.

SEA CONNECTIONS

Greek communities also lived on islands and the coast of Asia Minor. Sea routes linked them through trade.

How might islands and sea routes shape the lives of ancient Greeks?

Early Greek civilisations

Read the clues. Which civilisation came first?



MINOANS

Crete

from about 2000 BCE

Palaces such as Knossos were centres of community life. Minoan artists made vivid paintings and pottery. They traded by sea.



MYCENAEANS

Mainland Greece

from about 1600 BCE

Kings ruled from fortified centres. Walls, tombs and objects found by archaeologists help us study their lives.



CLASSICAL ATHENS

Athens

5th century BCE

Athens developed a form of democracy. Adult male citizens took part; women, enslaved people and foreigners were excluded.

c. 2000 BCE

c. 1600 BCE

5th century BCE



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What did the Greeks leave us?



THEATRE

Plays were performed for audiences. We still stage Greek tragedies and comedies.



SPORT

Athletic festivals inspired the modern Olympic Games.



BUILDINGS

Greek columns and temple designs influenced later architecture.



GOVERNMENT

Athenian citizens debated and voted, but citizenship excluded many people.

PRIMARY SOURCES

Circle two objects made in ancient Greece:

ancient pot stone inscription modern textbook film

Choose one legacy. How is it used or remembered today?

