

# Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary	
<b>philosophy</b>	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.
<b>Athenians</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.



## Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.
- Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
- The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.

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