

Athens and Sparta

The Ancient Greeks:

- lived in city-states which had it's own government, laws, and army
- shared an overall Greek identity, despite living in different city-states..



	Athens	Sparta
	The two most important city-states	
Location	Base of the Acropolis	Surrounded by mountainous landscape
Defeated	By Sparta in the 404BCE Peloponnesian War	By Thebes in 371BCE

What did the Ancient Greeks achieve?

- Founded the Olympic Games.
- Made important contributions to philosophy.
- Influenced modern drama with poetry and theatre.
- Developed an alphabet and a way of recording history.
- One of the first civilisations to scientifically study medicine.

Alexander the Great ...

...conquered an empire and several kingdoms between 333BCE and 323BCE.



...never lost a single battle, his military tactics are still studied today.

...accepted foreign customs in order to be accepted by local people.

...died aged 32 in 323BCE and left no heir, leading to his generals carving up the empire.

First Greek civilisations

- Around 4000 years ago, Minoan civilisation was the first to develop in Ancient Greece.
- In 1450BCE, Mycenaeans invaded former Minoan territory.



Archaeologist, Sir Arthur Evans found evidence of the Minoans.



Word	Definition
acropolis	A walled part of an Ancient Greek city, usually built on a hill.
alliances	A union formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organisations.
alphabet	The letters used in a language, usually arranged in a set order.
archaeologist	Someone who studies archaeology.
citizens	A citizen of a place is someone who was born there or who lives there.
city-state	Ancient Greek city which had its own laws and government.
civilisation	An advanced society, culture, and particular way of life in a certain area.
conquer	Defeat people in a battle or war.
conquest	A victory over another country or people.
culture	The customs and traditions of people.
democracy	Democracy is government by leaders elected by the people.
drama	Drama is writing or performing plays.
enquiry	A question you ask when you want information.

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ethics	Standards of right behaviour or moral principles.
excavation	Digging to find buried remains or artefacts.
government	The group of people who are in charge of a country.
influence	The power to affect someone or something.
military	To do with soldiers or the armed forces.
monarchy	A monarchy is a country ruled by a monarch.
mountainous	A mountainous place has a lot of mountains.
oligarchy	A country ruled by a small group of people.
philosophy	Philosophy is the study of truths about life and human behaviour.
tactics	Methods used by someone to achieve or win something.
tyranny	Cruel or unjust way of ruling people.
unite	People or things unite when they join together.
warrior	Someone who fights in battles.