

ANCIENT GREECE

Timeline	
2900 - 2000 BC	The Bronze Age when Early Aegean cultures start to emerge
2500 BC	The great Minoan civilisation
1200 BC	The Trojan War and the destruction of Troy
1050 - 750 BC	The Dark Ages of Greece
850 - 700 BC	Development of the first Greek Alphabet
776 BC	The First Olympic Games are staged
650 BC	The Rise of the Greek tyrants
600 BC	Greek Coin currency introduced
500 – 323 BC	The Greek Classical Period
490 BC	Greek/ Persian Wars led by Xerxes
333 BC	Alexander the Great defeats the Persians at Issus and is given Egypt by the Persian Satrap
86 BC	The Roman General Sulla captures Athens



Map of Greece

Greek Mythology

<p><u>Zeus</u></p> <p>Zeus was the king of the Greek gods, who lived on Mount Olympus. He was also the god of the sky and the god of thunder. He was married to the goddess Hera and his symbol was the lightning bolt. Zeus was believed to be able to control the weather, creating huge storms. It was thought that he could change people into animals as punishment. His two brothers were Hades and Poseidon.</p>	<p><u>Hades</u></p> <p>Hades (brother of Zeus and Poseidon) was the God of the Underworld. He was normally shown as having a pitchfork and his three-headed dog, Cerberus. He rode a chariot pulled by black horses. The Underworld was where dead people went in Greek Mythology. Hades originally wasn't happy about this, until Zeus reminded him that it meant that all people would eventually be his subjects!</p>
<p><u>Poseidon</u></p> <p>Poseidon (brother of Zeus and Hades) was the God of the sea, earthquakes, and horses. Along with his brothers, he was one of the three most powerful gods. As god of the ocean, he was important to sailors and fisherman. It was thought that Poseidon could create sea storms to ruin ships, or clear weather to help them along.</p>	<p><u>Hera</u></p> <p>As the wife of Zeus, Hera was considered as the queen of Mount Olympus. She was most often considered to be the goddess of women. She was normally pictured wearing long flowing robes and a crown. As wife of Zeus, she also had power over the skies.</p>
<p><u>Apollo</u></p> <p>Apollo was the Greek God of music, poetry, light, prophecy and medicine. He was often pictured as a handsome athletic youth. He was often seen with the bow and arrow. It was believed that he could see into the future, and heal people. As a punishment, he could bring people illness and disease.</p>	<p><u>Aphrodite</u></p> <p>Aphrodite was the Greek God of love and beauty. She was famous for being the most beautiful of all of the Goddesses. She was often shown as being a beautiful young woman. Fighting couples would look to Aphrodite to help them fall in love again.</p>



Key Words/Phrases

Democracy
 Siege
 City States
 Hoplite
 Aesop