

Vocabulary you will know...



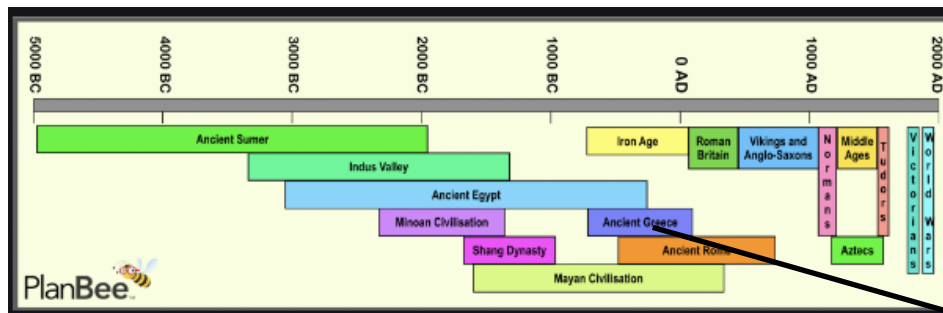
Civilisation	A <i>civilization</i> is a human society with its own social organization and culture
Democracy	A system of government where ordinary people get a say in how things are run. (In Ancient Greece only men were allowed to vote)
BC	Used to indicate the years before the birth of Jesus
AD	Used to indicate the years after the birth of Jesus
Athens	A city state governed by democracy
Sparta	A city state governed by two Kings
Citizens	Member of a country who has a right to live there

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Spartans
Athenians
City state

Athens	Sparta
<p>Athens was near the sea and became rich from its trading with other places</p> <p>Boys in Athens went to school to be educated between the ages of 6 and 20. They would learn to read and write.</p> <p>Reading and writing was seen as being very important, and free-men (called 'citizens') enjoyed art, philosophy, plays and festivals</p> <p>Girls were not seen to be as important as boys. Girls stayed at home instead of going to school.</p> <p>Athens was famous for being the city-state to be ruled by a democracy. Instead of having one king who made all of the decisions, citizens of Athens were allowed to vote about how the city was run. Not everybody could vote though, as slaves, women and foreigners did not have voting rights.</p>	<p>Sparta was an inland city protected by mountains, making it difficult to invade.</p> <p>Reading and writing were not valued in the same way as learning to fight.</p> <p>Sparta was ruled by two kings, who made all of the decisions. Sometimes one king would be away fighting in a war while the other would stay at home to rule the city.</p> <p>Sparta built an incredibly fierce army. Strength, fitness and obedience were highly valued in Spartan society and everybody was trained in these things.</p> <p>Most people lived in basic farming houses or in training barracks.</p> <p>Boys and girls in Sparta were allowed to go to school. School was about learning fitness and strength so that people could become warriors.</p>



The Ancient Greek civilisation began before the Roman era in Britain.