

Year 5/6: Groovy Greeks Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary Dozen

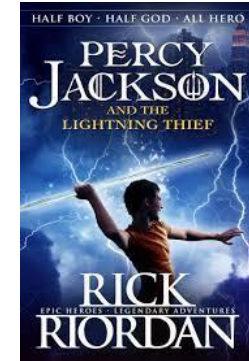
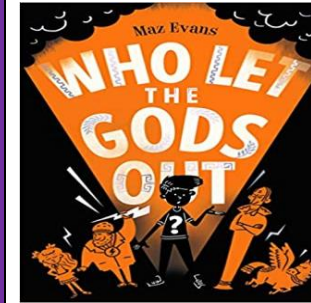
Athenian	. People from the Greek city of Athens
civilisation	. The people, culture and way of life of a certain area
democracy	A fair political system where adults vote for an elected government who then make decisions on how to run the country.
empire	A group of countries that is ruled by one ruler or country.
Spartans	The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was a secret to making the best soldier.
phalanx	A Greek formation where a soldier's shield protected the soldier and the man to the right.
climate	The weather and temperature usually found in an area over a long period of time.
myth	A traditional story concerning early history explaining a phenomenon and typically involving supernatural beings.
hoplite	A hoplite was a citizen-soldier of the Greek states and was usually armed with a spear.
Trojan	Trojans came from Troy.
philosophy	Philosophy is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society.
Olympics	The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus

Key questions

Where is Greece?
 How do we know about Ancient Greeks; when did they live?
 What was daily life like in Ancient Greece?
 What is the climate like; why is tourism popular?
 What is Greece like today?
 Who were the most famous Greeks?
 What legacy has been left by Ancient Greece?



Exciting Books



Sticky Knowledge about Ancient Greece

- Ancient Greece was an Empire and civilisation that lasted roughly 350 years from 776 BC to 323 AD.
- Spartans were great soldiers and the best at warfare.
- Athenians invented democracy and preferred politics and culture such as the theatre.
- Athens is the capital of Greece.
- Greece is made up of many islands and tourism is an important industry.
- The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- The Olympics began in Ancient Greece and events were chariot racing, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus, pankration and running.
- Most Greeks wore a chiton.

