

What should I already know?

There are ancient civilizations.

The Ancient Egyptians were an ancient civilization.

We can use clues (sources) from the past to help us understand what life was like then.

Key information

Ancient Greece is defined by three distinct periods:

Archaic Period

- Beginnings of Greek government.
- Greeks started to discover the arts such as theatre and philosophy.
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700s BCE Establishment of city-states like Athens and Sparta.

776BCE First Olympic Games to honour the Greek god Zeus in Olympia.

750BCE Homer wrote two epic poems: The Iliad and Odyssey.

570BCE Philosopher, scientist and mathematician Pythagoras was born.

508BCE Democracy introduced in Athens

Classical Period

- Democracy introduced more widely.
- Sophocles wrote many plays.
- Philosophers Socrates, Plato and Aristotle born.

Hellenistic Period

- Ancient Romans began to secure power and Ancient Greece society was diminished. Ancient Greece becomes part of the Roman Empire.

Key Vocabulary and definitions

ancient	Very old. A period of time before 0BCE.
civilisations	organised groups of humans with their own culture
primary source	A piece of historical evidence which was made during the time and has not been changed.
secondary source	A piece of evidence made after the time.
government	People who run a country.
city-state	A city which governs itself.
era	Period of time.
society	A group of people who share some of the same ideas.
theatre	A place where plays are performed.
amphitheatre	An outdoor, circular venue used for entertainment, performances and sports.
Olympiad	A measure of time, 4 years.
Olympian	A person who took part in the Olympics.
philosophy	Study of how people think and live.
influential	Makes people take notice.
democracy	a system of government in which people choose who is in charge by voting in elections

Timeline

Britain:	Iron Age 800BCE - 100CE		Romans 43-450CE
Europe:	Ancient Greek Archaic Period 800 BCE - 480 BCE	Ancient Greek Classical Period 480 BCE - 323 BCE	Ancient Greek Hellenistic Period 323 BCE - 146 BCE
World:	Golden Age of Islam 800BCE - 1258CE		Roman Empire 130BCE - 476CE