



Knowledge Organiser—Year 4

What were the advantages of being rich in Ancient Greece?

Vocabulary

acropolis - An acropolis is a fortified citadel within a larger city. It is usually located on top of a hill and at the centre of the city. The most famous acropolis is the Acropolis of Athens.

Athens - One of the most powerful Greek city-states, Athens was the birthplace of democracy.

Alexander the Great - A ruler of Ancient Greece who conquered much of the civilized world from Greece to India including Egypt.

oligarchy - A type of government where the power is held by a few people.

Pericles - Leader of Athens during the Golden Age, who encouraged beautification, democracy and military strength.

God/Goddess – In Greek Mythology they are referred to as an immortal, supernatural being who is the subject of traditional sacred stories.

mythology — A body of stories about gods and heroes that tried to explain how the world worked.

hoplites — A heavily armed foot soldier of Ancient Greece.



Key dates

2000 BCE: Wandering tribes began to settle in Greece.

1600 BCE: Bronze Age Greece was inhabited by the Mycenaean people. They took their name from the capital city of their land, Mycenae.

1194 BCE: The Trojan war between the Greeks and the Trojans (inhabitants of Troy) began.

1184 BCE: The Trojan war ended when the Greeks used a wooden horse to invade and overrun the Trojan city of Troy.

850 BCE: The Greek alphabet was developed from the Phoenician alphabet.

776 BCE: First recorded Olympic games. The games were held at Olympia. There was one event – the men’s 200m sprint.

600 BCE: The first Greek coins appeared.

495 BCE: The philosopher and mathematician, Pythagoras, died in Metapontum.

399 BCE: The philosopher Socrates, founder of philosophy, was charged with impiety (being disrespectful to the Gods) he was found guilty and executed.

335 BCE: Aristotle founded the Lyceum in Athens.

146 BCE: The Romans defeated the Greeks at the Battle of Corinth and Greece became part of the Roman Empire.