



### Key Dates

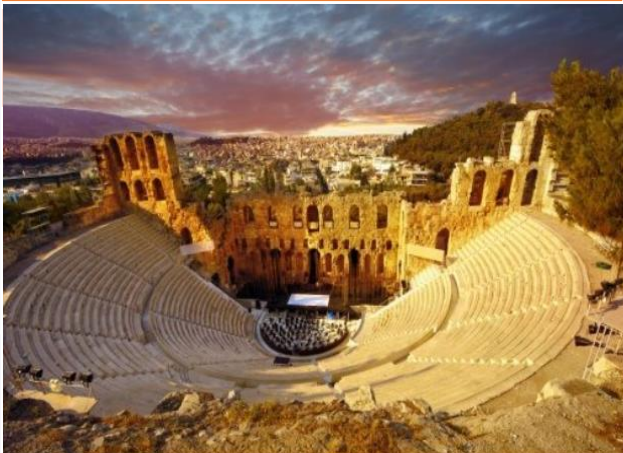
4-1184 BC	Believed to be the dates of the Trojan War
776 BC	The first ever Olympic Games were held
750 BC	Homer writes The Iliad, about the last year of the Trojan War
508 BC	The Athenians create Democracy.
490 BC	The Battle of Marathon
432 BC	The Parthenon is completed
431—404 BC	Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta (Sparta is victorious)
336—323 BC	Alexander the Great conquers most of the known world.
146 BC	The Romans invade Greece

### Ancient Greece

About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks called themselves Hellenes and their land was Hellas. The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece later by the Romans. They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also in colonies scattered around the Mediterranean Sea. There were Greeks in Italy, Sicily, Turkey, North Africa, and as far west as France.

The Minoans were the first great Greek civilisation and lived on island of Crete, between 2200BC and 1450BC. Next came the Mycenaean civilisation, from mainland Greece. They were fine builders and traders, but they were also great soldiers.

**Fun Fact :** Did you know that the Ancient Greeks invented the theatre? They loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre – some big enough to hold 15,000 people!



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The first Olympic Games were held in 776 BCE at the Greek city of Olympia.

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**Fun Fact :** The ancient Greeks loved competition of all sorts. Each year, the various city-states of Greece sent athletes to festivals of games, which were held to honour the gods.



# ARCHITECTURE

Ancient Greek architecture has influenced many architectural styles of today. The use of columns and pediments for example, is a direct legacy from ancient Greece and is widespread in modern-day public buildings, such as parliament buildings, museums and even memorials.

## White House, Washington DC



## US Congress, Washington DC



Key Vocab	
Architecture	Architecture is the science of the design of structures or buildings such as houses, places of worship, and office buildings.
Renaissance	The Word "renaissance" means rebirth. During the Renaissance there was a rebirth of interest in ancient Greece and Rome.
Myth	They are stories about how the world was created and why certain things happen
The Iliad	The Iliad is an epic poem, written by Homer, that covers the quarrels and fighting near the end of the Trojan War.
Romans	The Romans originated in the city of Rome in modern-day Italy. However, the Romans ruled countries across the globe - including Great Britain - which was called the Roman Empire.
BC	Before Christ. A way of dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number in BC, the longer ago in history
Olympic Games	The Olympic Games are a global sporting event that aims to bring people together from multiple countries to compete.
Civilisation	A particular society at a particular time and place. For example, the ancient Greek Civilisation
Evidence	Anything that can be used to prove something. For example, a piece of art from ancient Greece can be used as evidence
Colonies	A colony is a group of people from one country who build a settlement in another territory, or land.



# ART

One of the many fields in which ancient Greece has had a deep influence is art. The first to develop the concept of aesthetic beauty, ancient Greeks created spectacular sculptures that have inspired artists from the Renaissance until today.

