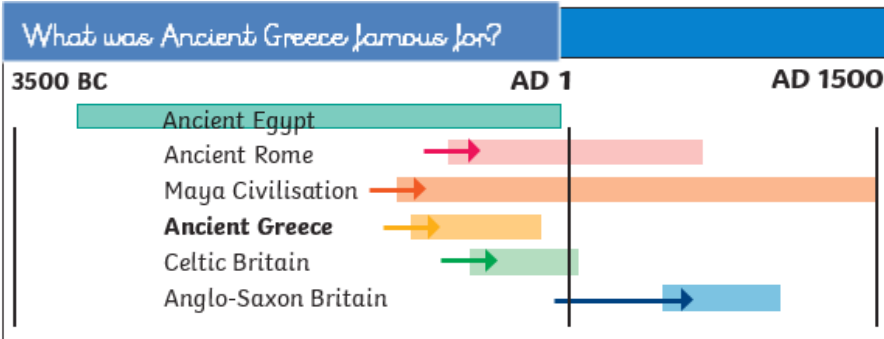


The Greeks

Key Vocabulary	
Ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
Civilisation	In this context, the word 'civilisation' is used to describe a human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.
City states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army.
Empire	A group of countries or states that is ruled by one ruler or country.
Legacies	Things that live on after someone dies or after a civilisation or event ends.
Democracy	Democracy is a system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run.
Primary source	Information and objects that come from the time being studied.
Secondary source	Interpretations of information and objects which are produced after the time being studied.

- The first recorded Games was in 776 BC, in Olympia.
- The event was part of a festival to honour the Greek god, Zeus.
- Women were not allowed to compete in the Olympics. This was because ancient Greek women were not treated as equals to men and had fewer freedoms.
- Events included boxing, wrestling, running and chariot racing. Some of the evidence about the Games comes from paintings discovered on pottery.



What was Ancient Greece famous for?

Ancient Greece is important historically because many things in culture today, especially in modern Europe, have been influenced by the ideas of the ancient Greek civilisation. The sculptures, architecture, philosophy, arts, politics and the scientific and mathematical ideas of ancient Greece are just some of the things that have had a significant impact on culture today. These things can be referred to as 'legacies' of ancient Greece.

Democracy

Around 508 BC, democracy was introduced to ancient Athens. Listening to the opinions of other people and debating issues was an important part of this system. After debating issues, the ancient Athenians would vote. At that time, the only people allowed to take part in democracy were adult males who were citizens of Athens.

