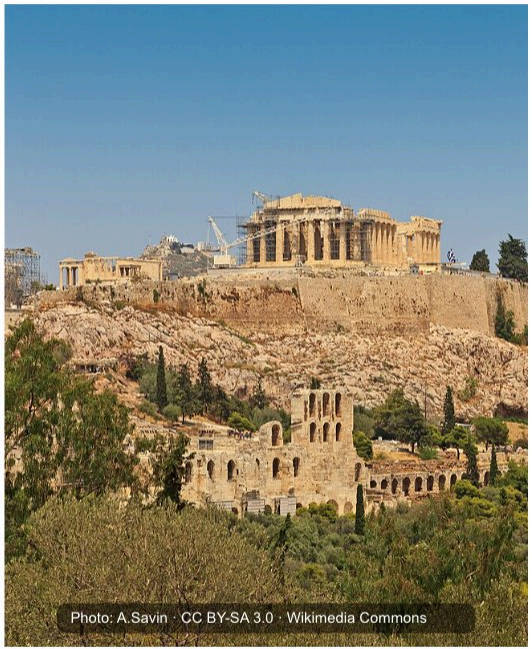
Ancient Greece

City-states, daily life and ideas we still use



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Today we will...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Explain what a city-state (polis) was
- Describe daily life in Athens and Sparta
- Show how Greece still shapes the western world

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

✓ I can name two city-states and how they differed

✓ I can give two Greek ideas we still use today

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How Greek ideas reach us

Greeks try new ideas in city-states

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Romans copy Greek art and ideas

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Ideas spread across the western world

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We still vote, play and perform today

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Four Greek gifts



Democracy

In Athens citizens voted on big decisions.



Olympics

Athletes raced at Olympia to honour Zeus.



Theatre

Crowds watched tragedies and comedies outdoors.



Philosophy

Thinkers asked big questions about life.

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Where would you live?

If you lived 2,500 years ago, would you choose Athens or Sparta?

A	Athens - schools, arts and voting	B	Sparta - sport, strength and army life	C	A small farm - quiet life growing food

Vote with your hands, then explain why.

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What made Greece special?



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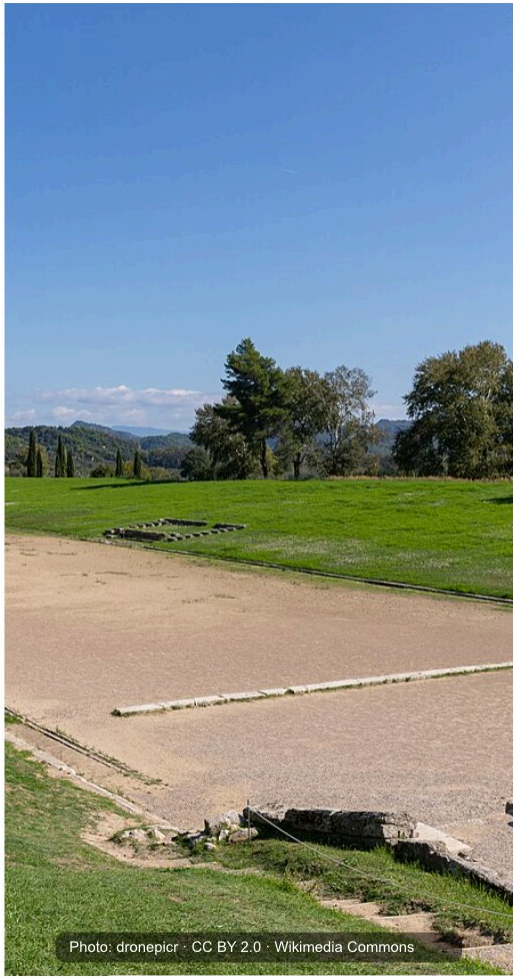
- Watch for what a polis is
- Spot one idea we still use

THE VERY FIRST OLYMPICS

776 BC

first Olympic Games at Olympia

Athletes competed to honour Zeus, and we still hold Olympics today.



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A day in ancient Greece



▶ 0:00 – 4:42

- Look at homes, markets and schools
- Compare Athens children and Sparta children

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Your task

In pairs, make a mini-poster: one Greek idea we still use.

1. Pick democracy, Olympics, theatre or philosophy
2. Draw it then and now in two boxes
3. Add one sentence: why it still matters

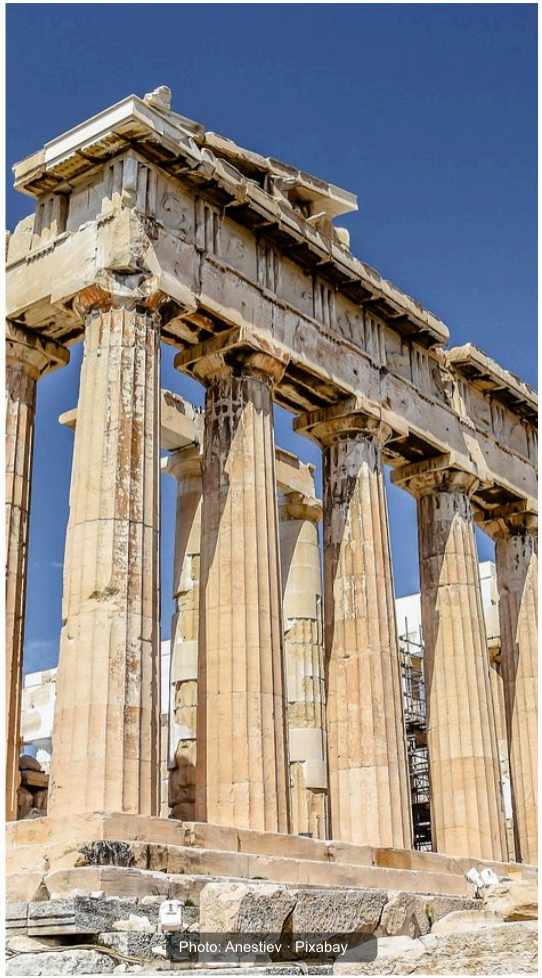
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In pairs

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BIG IDEA

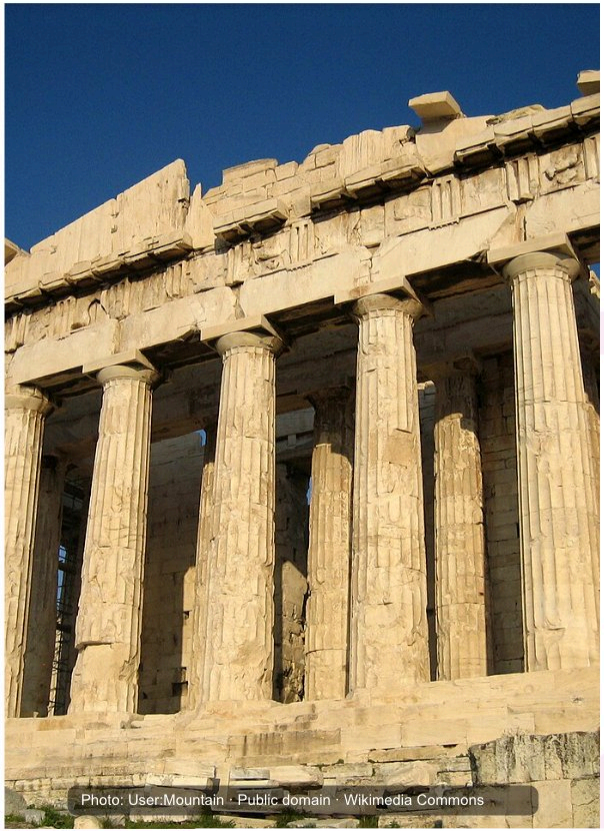
Greek life became ideas the western world still uses.



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What could this be?

Tall stone building with columns on a hill in Athens. What was it?



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True or false?

Ancient Greece was one big country with one ruler.

In Athens only adult men born in Athens could vote.

The first Olympic Games honoured the god Zeus.

The Romans copied many Greek ideas.

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