



Important Places		
1	Athens	City named after Athena. Birthplace of democracy.
2	Crete	An Island just south of Greek mainland.
3	Macedonia	Home to Alexander the Great
4	Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home to the Greek Gods
5	Olympia	Site of the original Olympic games.
6	Peloponnese	The part of Greece where Spartans lived.
7	Sparta	City-State famous for training boys as warriors.

Select Greek Gods	
Zeus	King of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder.
Hades	God the Dead and King of the Underworld.
Poseidon	God of the Sea, Earthquakes and Storms.
Hera	Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.
Apollo	God of Music, Art, Knowledge and the Sun.
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty.
Hermes	Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade and Travelers.
Ares	God of War.
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.
Demeter	Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.



The Olympic Games

- 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.



Key People	
Sophocles	Influential playwright known for writing over 120 plays, mainly tragedies. Most famous plays include: Oedipus & Antigone.
Aesop	Former slave and storyteller famous for writing Aesop's Fables.
Homer	Legendary author famous for writing the Iliad & Odyssey.
Pythagoras	Philosopher & mathematician most known for his right angle proof.
Archimedes	Scientist & mathematician; famous for reportedly yelling 'Eureka!' after realizing the link between volume, density & displacement.
Socrates	Credited as the Father of Western philosophy. Socrates (496-399BC) was declared the wisest man in the world by the Oracle.
Plato	Philosopher and student of Socrates; best known for writing 'Republic'.
Aristotle	Philosopher and student of Plato; pulled together existing philosophies resulting in his ideas influencing Western civilization for centuries to come.
Alexander the Great	King of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia; united and secured the whole of Greece and fought against the Persian Empire to the East. Died aged 32.
Hippocrates	Hippocrates (460-370BC) was a Greek doctor. Some people called him the father of medicine. Before he came along, illnesses were seen as a punishment from the gods.