

Year 5 History - Summer Term 2: Groundbreaking Greeks



 Four significant Athenians were: Cleisthenes, the 'father of Athenian democracy'; Pericles, a statesman who was responsible for the building of the Acropolis; Socrates, a great philosopher in ancient Greece; Plato, a philosopher and founder of the first university in Athens.





2. The word philosopher means 'lover of wisdom', and ideas from ancient Greek philosophers are still studied today.
Socrates said that happiness came from leading a moral life. Plato explored the meaning of justice. Aristotle's most famous idea was 'everything in moderation'.









4. The Olympic Games began in 776 BC and were the greatest sporting events of their time, as well as a religious festival for Zeus. Competitors came from all over Greece, and warfare ceased to allow safe travel. Athletes trained to compete in a variety of events and had to adhere to strict rules.



How did the achievements of the Ancient Greeks influence the wider world?



3. Ancient Greek mathematicians made many discoveries, especially about **geometry.** Many, including **Thales, Pythagoras** and **Archimedes,** created theorems that are still studied and used today.



5. The artistic and cultural legacy of ancient Greece includes theatre, sculpting techniques, rules of **architecture** and forms of **literature**. Many of these aspects of Greek **arts** and **culture** have influenced people around the world for thousands of years and are still seen today.

Acropolis	Archimedes	architecture	Aristotle	Cleisthenes	culture
democracy	geometry	philosophy / er	Plato	Pythagoras	Socrates