

# Ancient Greece

**700 BC**  
Homer writes *The Odyssey* and *The Iliad* poems.

**650 BC**  
The tyrant *Kypselos* takes over the city-state of Corinth. When *Kypselos* dies, his son *Periander* takes over the role.

**500 BC**  
The "Classic Period" starts. There is a lot of interest in the arts, imagination and buildings.

**460 BC**  
Hippocrates, the "father of modern medicine" is born in Kos. His ideas on the human body and medicine are still used and recognized today.

**338 BC**  
King Philip II of Macedonia takes control of Greece.

**336 BC**  
Alexander the Great takes over rule of Greece, age 20, after the death of his father King Philip II.

**776 BC**  
The first Olympic games. The games are then held every four years in honor of the god Zeus (ruler of the Olympians of Mount Olympus). The games included wrestling, javelin, jumping, and chariot racing.

**508 BC**  
Male citizens of Athens are given a chance to vote in order to decide how things should be run. This is called "democracy" and is thought to be one of the Greeks greatest ideas.

**472 BC**  
Greek *theaters* become popular in Athens. The entertainment included magicians, jugglers, and plays.

**432 BC**  
Parthenon is finished in Athens. The temple is built to house a statue of Athena, the goddess of war, wisdom, and the arts.

**146 BC**  
Rome conquers the Corinthians at the Battle of Corinth and Greece falls under the rule of the Roman Empire.

### Facts for Life

1. The ancient Greeks (Hellenes) worshipped many gods who they believed lived on Mount Olympus.
2. Aspects of Greek society still influence life today (Olympics, democracy.)
3. That the Spartans were fierce warriors whilst the Athenians were known for their cultural developments.

Key Vocabulary	
Acropolis	A highly rocky mound in Athens that is home to many temples including the Parthenon.
Ancient	Belonging to the very distant past generally thousands of years ago.
Mount Olympus	The place that was believed to be the home of the Ancient Greek gods.
Democracy	The idea that every free person gets a vote and their opinion will be heard.
Myths	The stories that the Ancient Greeks told about their gods. They often explained events or gave reasons for things happening in the world
Hoplites	The name given to the Ancient Greek soldiers.

