

Ancient Greek Legacy

Ancient Greece flourished over 2,500 years ago and is widely considered one of the most influential civilisations in history. The Greeks made remarkable contributions to art, science, politics and culture that continue to affect our lives today.

Greek philosophers such as Socrates, Plato and Aristotle laid the groundwork for Western thinking. They developed ideas about logic, ethics and the natural world that are still taught in schools and universities. Aristotle even began classifying animals and plants, making him an early scientist.

Democracy — the idea that citizens should have a voice in government — was born in Athens, the most powerful Greek city-state. Although Greek democracy only included free men, the principle inspired modern democratic systems worldwide.

The Ancient Greeks also made major advances in mathematics and medicine. Pythagoras developed his famous theorem about triangles, and Hippocrates encouraged doctors to observe patients carefully rather than relying on superstition.

Greek theatre gave us comedy and tragedy as art forms, and their stunning architecture, including the Parthenon in Athens, still influences buildings today.

The Olympic Games, which began in 776 BC as a tribute to the god Zeus, united the Greek city-states in peaceful competition.

The Greeks truly helped to shape the world we live in today.

Questions

1. How long ago did Ancient Greece flourish?
2. Name three Greek philosophers mentioned in the text.
3. What three areas did Aristotle study, according to the text?
4. What is democracy?
5. In which Greek city was democracy born?
6. Why was Greek democracy not fully equal?
7. What is Pythagoras famous for?
8. How did Hippocrates change the way doctors worked?
9. When did the first Olympic Games take place, and who were they a tribute to?
10. The text says democracy in Greece "only included free men" but still inspired modern democracies. What does this suggest about how ideas can develop over time?



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