

## Ancient Greece – What Happened When?

Ancient Greece is one of the most important civilisations in history. It began around 3,000 years ago and lasted for many hundreds of years. The Greeks didn't have one single ruler over the whole country. Instead, they lived in separate city-states, each with its own government and rules. The two most famous city-states were Athens and Sparta.

Athens was a place of great learning and ideas. It is sometimes called the birthplace of democracy, which means that citizens could vote on important decisions. Sparta, on the other hand, was known for its powerful army. Spartan children were trained as soldiers from a very young age.

The Greeks gave the world many wonderful things, including the Olympic Games, which began around 776 BC. They also loved theatre, philosophy, and science. Famous Greeks like Socrates and Aristotle asked big questions about life and the world that people still think about today.



## Questions

1. Approximately how long ago did Ancient Greece begin?
2. What is a city-state?
3. Name the two most famous Greek city-states.
4. What does the word "democracy" mean?
5. Which city-state was known for its powerful army?
6. At what age did Spartan children begin training as soldiers?
7. When did the Olympic Games begin?
8. Name two things, besides the Olympics, that the Greeks gave the world.
9. Name one famous Greek thinker mentioned in the article.
10. Why do you think Athens is described as the "birthplace of democracy"? What does that suggest about the rest of the world at that time?

