

Ancient Greek Legacy

The Ancient Greeks lived over 2,500 years ago in southern Europe. Although they lived a very long time ago, they left behind ideas and inventions that still shape our world today.

The Greeks were great thinkers. Philosophers like Socrates and Aristotle asked important questions about life, nature and how people should behave. Their thinking helped start science and philosophy as we know them today.

The Greeks also gave us democracy. This means ordinary people get a say in how their country is run. Many countries, including Britain, use democratic ideas today.

Greek myths — stories about gods, monsters and heroes — were used to explain the world. Characters like Odysseus and Theseus are still famous today.

The Olympic Games began in Ancient Greece as a religious festival. Athletes competed in running, wrestling and throwing events.

The Ancient Greeks truly helped to build the foundations of our modern world.

Questions

1. How long ago did the Ancient Greeks live?
2. Where in Europe did the Ancient Greeks live?
3. Name two Greek philosophers mentioned in the text.
4. What did philosophers ask questions about?
5. What is democracy?
6. Name one country mentioned that uses democratic ideas.
7. What were Greek myths used to explain?
8. Name one Greek hero or character from the text.
9. What kinds of events did athletes compete in at the early Olympics?
10. The text says the Greeks "helped to build the foundations of our modern world." What do you think the word "foundations" means here?



Text B Quiz



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