

A Greek Soldier

Soldiers in ancient Greece were very brave fighters. They were called **hoplites**. Hoplites wore special armour to keep them safe in battle. They had a metal helmet to protect their head, and a metal breastplate to protect their chest. They carried a long spear and a big round shield. The shield was very important — it helped protect them and the soldier standing next to them!

Hoplites fought in a group called a **phalanx**. Everyone stood close together in rows, shields touching. This made them very strong. Greek soldiers had to be fit and brave to fight for their city.

Questions

1. What were ancient Greek soldiers called?
2. What did a hoplite wear on his head?
3. What did the breastplate protect?
4. What weapon did a hoplite carry?
5. What shape was the hoplite's shield?
6. Why was the shield important?
7. What was the name of the fighting group?
8. How did soldiers stand in a phalanx?
9. What two things did a Greek soldier need to be?
10. Why do you think soldiers stood with their shields touching in the phalanx?



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