

People and Places Vocabulary

The Acropolis	A settlement built on high ground. The most famous one is in Athens.
The Parthenon	A temple in the middle of the Acropolis in Athens, dedicated to Athena
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and where many believed some of the gods lived.
Knossos Palace	Positioned in what was the capital of Minoan Crete. A large palace and perhaps the same location as the Minotaur's labyrinth
Socrates	A famous philosopher who taught others to questions things. He was arrested for questioning the wisdom of the gods.
Plato	A philosopher and student of Socrates. Plato founded the first university.
Aristotle	A philosopher and scientist. He attended Plato's university. He began to dissect animals and learn about
Alexander the Great	Created a strong and united Greece when he became king. He used his military genius to win many battles, conquering eastern Europe and Egypt.



Greece's location next to the sea meant the Ancient Greeks were seafaring. They traded between their islands. Each State was ruled by a powerful city which had their own government or ruler. These were called City States

Greece is in the Mediterranean Sea so it is very warm but winds from the sea and rain from the north helped farming.

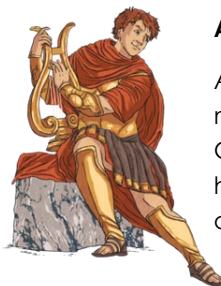


Hades

Hades was the god of the underworld and was married to Persephone. The underworld is where Greeks believed dead people went. Hades is pictured with his three headed dog Cerberus

Zeus

Zeus was the king of the gods who lived on Mount Olympus. We was the god of the sky and thunder. Zeus was married to the goddess Hera and his symbol was a lightning bolt. It was believed he controlled the weather. His brothers were Hades and Poseidon



Apollo

Apollo was the god of music, poetry, light and medicine. He is often seen holding an ancient Greek instrument called a lyre. It was believed he could see the future and heal people, but also punish people will illness and disease.

Aphrodite

Aphrodite was the god of love and beauty. She was the most beautiful of the gods. Couple who were fighting would ask Aphrodite to help them fall in love again.

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Poseidon

Poseidon was the god of the sea and therefore very important to sailors and fisherman. He is usually pictured with his trident. It was believed Poseidon could create storms or clear the weather to help sailors

