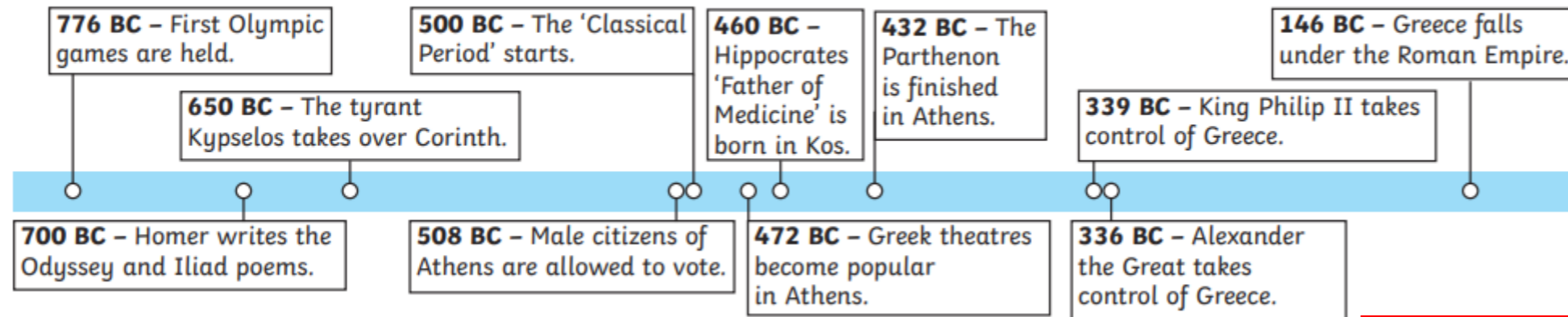


The Marvels and Mysteries of the Mediterranean

The Ancient Greeks

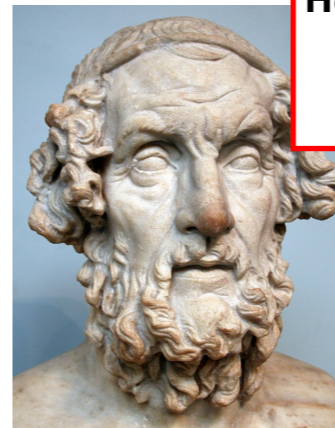
Ancient Greece

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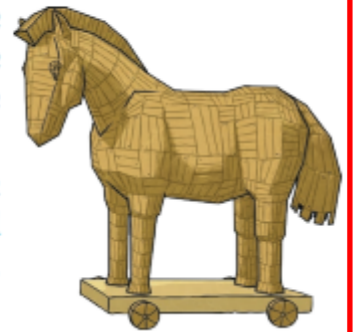
Key Vocabulary	
ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
Athenian	People from the Greek city of Athens.
city state	A small area that ancient Greece was divided into which had its own government, laws and army.
civilisation	The people, culture and way of life of a certain area.
democracy	A fair political system where adults vote for an elected government who then make decisions on how to run the country.
empire	A group of countries that is ruled by one ruler or country.
honour	To show respect and admiration for someone or something.
Persian	People from the area of Persia.
philosopher	Someone who studies the idea of right and wrong, the value of things and knowledge.
Spartans	People from the Greek city of Sparta.

Homer wrote epic poems about Odysseus

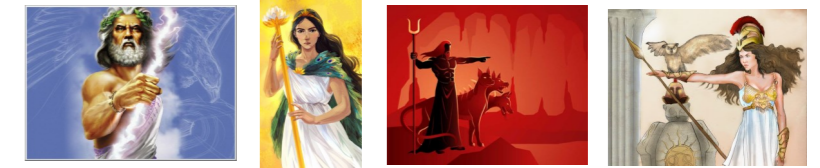


The Trojan War

- The Trojan War is a famous story told by the famous Greek writer, Homer.
- The Greeks had a plan to win a battle against the Trojans... they gifted a large wooden horse to the city which the Trojans thought was a sign that the Greeks had given up.
- Hiding inside the horse, was a group of Greek soldiers, who, in the dead of night, climbed out and let the rest of the Greek army into the city to fight.
- Finally, the city of Troy was destroyed.



Alexander the Great famous conqueror



Archaeology is the study of things that people made, used, and left behind. What do the discoveries tell us?



The Palace of Knossos in Crete



Greek Gods and Goddesses

- The ancient Greeks believed that their gods and goddesses controlled everything and should be respected and honoured.
- Temples and shrines were built as places of worship.
- Festivals were held to celebrate the gods and goddesses and people would make offerings to them in the hope of being granted good fortune.
- It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods lived on Mount Olympus.
- Stories were told about the gods and goddesses and included heroic quests and scary beasts.



Selected Ancient Greek Gods

Zeus	Kind of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder.
Hades	God the Dead and King of the Underworld
Poseidon	God of the Sea, Earthquakes & Storms.
Hera	Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.
Apollo	God of Music, Art, Knowledge & the Sun.
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love and Beauty.
Hermes	Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade & Travelers.
Ares	God of War.
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.
Demeter	Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.