Ancient Greeks KS2 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary

| Athenians | It is the birth place of democracy and the heart of the Ancient Greek civilization. | |
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| Spartans | The Spartans believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers. | |
| democracy | Democracy means allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their own personal lives | |
| Olympics | The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of and for Zeus | |
| empire | A group of coutnries ruled over by one ruler or country | |
| truce | Is when two fighting sides declare peace or a break in the war. | |
| Zeus | The supreme god of the Olympians, Zeus was the father of Perseus and Heracles. | |
| hoplite | This is the name give to a soldier in Ancient Greek times who was armed with lots of weapons and ready to fight in | |
| | battle. | |
| Apollo | Apollo is the god of music, truth and prophecy. | |
| Sacred truce | A special truce called whilst the Olympics were taking place. | |
| temple | A building devoted to the worship of a god or gods. | |



Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greeks invented the theatre because they loved watching plays, and most cities had a theatre.
- Events at the Greek's Olympics included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
- The Ancient Greeks held many festivals in honour of their gods.
- Most Ancient Greeks wore a chiton, which was a long T-shirt made from one large piece of cotton. The poor slaves, however, had to make do with a loincloth.

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