

## Ancient Greece

Ancient Greece started as a group of small farming towns. These farming towns were controlled by a larger city in the southern part of Greece. Some historians believe this is the time when the ancient Greeks won a war against Troy, using the surprise of the Trojan horse.

After the larger city that controlled much of the area fell from power, small places called city-states grew up. City-states were cities or towns with the farmland and villages that were close around them. The city-states sometimes fought each other for control of areas of land. One of the most famous city-states was Athens. The children in Athens went to school and learned things like music, reading, writing, and arithmetic. They also took part in sports. In Athens, people had a part in the rule of the city-state. This was called democracy, and it is a type of government that is very popular today. Athens also had a large navy that it used whenever there was a war.

Another important city-state was Sparta. In Sparta, the people were taught to live by fighting with other city-states. It was very important to the people of Sparta to build strength and learn to fight. The Spartans did not think reading and writing were as important as military training. Boys went to camps when they were seven years old to learn how to follow the rules and be strong, just as if they were soldiers. Girls were even allowed to exercise and take part in sports, which wasn't allowed in many parts of the ancient world.

Sports were very important to the ancient Greeks. The Olympic Games started there. Ancient Greece was also known for the study of medicine, mathematics, and many other things such as architecture, art, writing stories, and keeping a record of history.

Ancient Greece did not have a lot of good land and weather for growing food. Because of this, they did a lot of trading and started colonies in many areas so they could trade for some of the things they needed. The ancient Greeks spread their way of life over a large area of the world at that time, and their ideas spread to many other lands.



A stylized illustration of a wooden horse, resembling a Trojan horse, constructed from horizontal wooden planks. It is mounted on a simple wooden frame with two large, dark, circular wheels. The horse is facing right.

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You are on a long walk when all of a sudden, your sandal strap breaks. You are far from home and have no way to get another one. How do you fix it?

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