

Timeline									
3000 B.C.	1200 B.C.	750 B.C.	770 B.C.	776 B.C.	600 B.C.	500 B.C.	431 B.C.	334 B.C.	146 B.C.
Minoan Civilization begins on Crete	The Trojan Wars	Greeks set sail to set up colonies	First Greek alphabet created	First Olympic Games	First Greek coins are used	Democracy used in Athens	The Peloponnesian Wars begin	Alexander the Great conquests	Greece becomes part of the Roman Empire

Legacy of Ancient Greece

- The Greek trademark red and black **pottery** was very fashionable, and it was bought and sold all over the Mediterranean and even parts of Asia.
- They were great builders too. The Greeks built grand **temples** to their gods and superb sculptures of brave heroes. They pretty much invented the **theatre** as well. Thousands of people packed the hillside arena of ancient Athens to watch plays by famous writers like Sophocles, Euripides and Aeschylus.
- The Greeks also celebrated the arts with big **festivals**. There was always music, dancing and feasting in honour of their god



The Trojan War

- The Trojan War is a very famous **ancient** Greek myth. Many people believe that it is a myth but that there is some historical truth behind it.
- The Trojan War (which is believed to have lasted for ten years) was between the Greek and the Trojan Armies.
- In the story, the Greeks pretended to surrender, leaving a gift of a giant horse for the Trojans. The gift was brought inside the city walls. In the night, Greek soldiers hid inside the horse let the Greek army inside Troy's walls and the city was destroyed.
- Evidence of Troy was discovered by Schliemann in 1873.



Greek Gods and Goddesses

- The **ancient** Greeks believed in many different gods and goddesses. Each god or goddess represented a certain aspect of humanity and each was responsible for certain parts of life too.
- Festivals were held to celebrate the gods and goddesses.
- Animal sacrifice was an important part of **ancient** Greek worship.
- It is believed that the 12 most powerful gods lived on Mount Olympus.
- The **ancient** Greek gods and goddesses included: Zeus, Aphrodite, Hera, Athena, Zeus, Poseidon, and Hades.
- Zeus was the most powerful of all the gods. He was god of the sky and the king of Mount Olympus.