

# Ancient Greece



## Key vocabulary

BC/AD BCE/CE	Artefact	Legend	Mountain	Mythical Creatures	Hemisphere	Mythology	Olympics
( <b>BC</b> =Before Christ / <b>AD</b> =Anno Domini)  ( <b>BCE</b> =Before Common Era / <b>CE</b> =Common Era)	An object made by a human, usually from another time	A visual explanation of the symbols used on the map	A piece of land that is higher than sea level with extremely steep slopes	It is a fictional character, typically a hybrid (made of more than one animal) that exist in myths or legends	Half of the Earth named as the North and South which is separated by the equator that runs around the centre of the Earth	A collection of stories and legends belonging to a culture or tradition	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus



### Pegasus

Winged horse, born from the blood of Medusa. It's tasked with pulling Zeus' chariot



### Hydra

Multi-headed serpent. Every time a head was cut off, two more grow in its place. Defeated by Hercules



### Medusa

Hair made of snakes who turns anyone into stone just by looking at them



### Minotaur

Body of a man and head of a bull living in a labyrinth Crete



### Centaur

Half man (torso, head and arms), half horse (legs)



### Cerberus

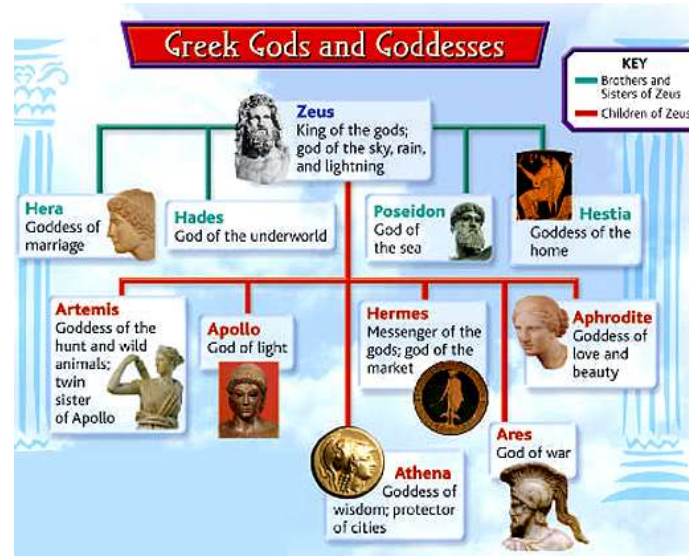
Three-headed dog guarding the underworld





Key people	
Aesop	Former slave and storyteller famous for writing Aesop's Fables
Titans	An older generation of Gods (parents to the Olympian Gods)
Trojans	Name of people who live in Troy, now known as Turkey, which took part in the Trojan War
Helen	Married to King Menelaus of Sparta, who fell in love with Prince of Troy
Paris	Prince of Troy, initiated war with Sparta when he fell in love with Helen
King Menelaus	King of Sparta (in Ancient Greece), declared war on Troy when his wife was taken from him
Spartans	Name of people who live in Sparta in Greece
Achilles	The most fearsome, strong Greek warrior whose only weakness was his Achilles heel which led to his death in the Trojan War.

	Greek Archaic Period (800 - 480 BC)	Hellenistic Period (323BC - 31BC)
1194-1184 BCE	850 - 700BC	776 BC
Trojan War	Development of the first Greek Alphabet Α Β Γ Δ Ε Ζ Η Θ	The first Olympic Games are held 
		146 BC Roman rule of Greece begins 



Key Places in Ancient Greece	
Mount Olympus	Highest mountain in Greece and home of the Greek Gods
Mount Ossa	It is a mountain in Greece, 1,978 metres high and is located to the north of Mount Olympus.
Mount Giona	It is a mountain in Central Greece
Aegean Sea	Home to over 1000 Greek islands
Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena (Goddess of wisdom, protector of cities). Completed in 432BC. 

The Trojan War is a famous war fought between the cities of Troy and Greece around the 13th century B.C. It started when Prince Paris of Troy took Queen Helen of Sparta from her husband. The Greeks **tricked the Trojans** with a wooden horse, called the Trojan Horse to get inside their gates and finally defeat them.

The ancient Olympics were held during religious festivals to honour Zeus and the other gods and goddesses. Only men would participate in running, wrestling and chariot racing, to name a few. Competitors didn't receive a medal but instead were awarded olive wreaths to go around their heads or necks.