



Autumn 2

Name of Topic Ancient Greeks

Year Group 5

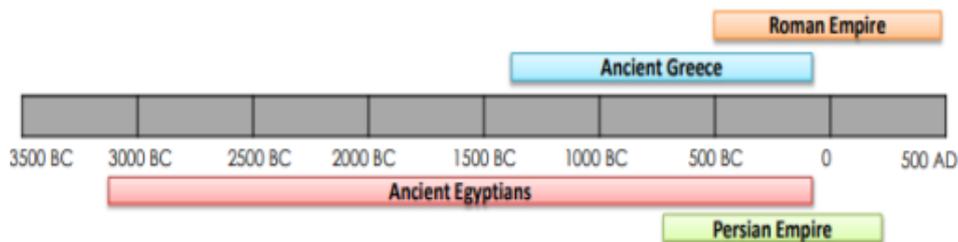
Key Vocabulary and Spellings

1	empire	A number of individual nations that are all controlled by the government or ruler of one country.
2	ancient	Something from a very long time ago
3	merchant	A person who buys or sells goods in large amounts
4	mythology	A group of myths, especially all the myths from a particular country, religion, or culture.
5	myths	A traditional story used in early history. Used to explain natural events.
6	City states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into. Each had their own governments, laws and army.
7	trade	Buying, selling, or exchanging goods or services.
8	civilisation	A group of people living together in a town, city or country with well-developed rules and government.
9	citadel	A strong building in or near a city, where people could shelter for safety.
10	acropolis	The citadel of an ancient Greek city.

Timeline

2900 - 2000 BC	The Bronze Age when Early Aegean cultures start to emerge
2500 BC	The great Minoan civilisation
1200 BC	The Trojan War and the destruction of Troy
1050 - 750 BC	The Dark Ages of Greece
850 - 700 BC	Development of the first Greek Alphabet
776 BC	The First Olympic Games are staged
650 BC	The Rise of the Greek tyrants
600 BC	Greek Coin currency introduced
500 - 323 BC	The Greek Classical Period
490 BC	Greek/ Persian Wars led by Xerxes
333 BC	Alexander the Great defeats the Persians at Issus and is given Egypt by the Persian Satrap
86 BC	The Roman General Sulla captures Athens

Diagram – Map of Ancient Greece



Top 5 Topic Facts

1	The first recorded Olympic games was held in Olympia in 776 BC
2	The Trojan War is a very famous ancient Greek myth.
3	Greece is made up of mainland and islands. Greeks were seafaring people as they lived by the sea.
4	Religion was very important in ancient Greece. They were polytheists. Temples were built in their honour and they were talked about in Greek mythology.
5	Sculptures, architecture, philosophy, mathematical ideas, arts and politics are just some of the ideas from ancient Greece that has had an impact on culture today.



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