Ancient Greece Legacies FREEBIE!



What did we inherit from Ancient Greece?



2nd-4th Grades

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Architecture	Olympics
Educational philosophy	Science
Government	Sculptures
Military strategy	Theater
Monstrous creatures	Tools

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Among other things, they used plows to till their land, chisels to cut stone, and cranes to lift things. They invented the water mill, and similar items to help get jobs done.

Ancient Greece was separated into city-states, that each had their own government. Many city states were governed through democracy, elected by the people

Ancient Greeks used mythology to explain why things happened as they did in life. Many scary, monstrous creatures were in there stories.

Ancient Greeks were the first to use technology in warfare, including such things as catapults crude engines.

Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates were great thinkers who often approached teaching by providing students with questions rather than answers.

Olympics started with the Ancient Greeks, when representatives of city-states competed. They were originally held in honor of their god, Zeus, and only men could compete.

The place they went to worship their gods was called the Parthenon. It has columns.

They wanted to explain powerful situations, such as oceans and weather. They observed the planets and the sun to try to figure out our planet and its relation to space.

They created sculptures as monuments to gods, and favorite people. They cast in marble or bronze. They had clean lines that suggested motion and guided the eyes.

They built the first ampi theater, that gave audiences a better view of plays. They formed plays based of comedy (humor) and tragedy (sad stories).

Countries get together to compete in different athletic competitions today. They are not held in honor of any god, and women may participate.

Monsters are still imagined and not real. Many of these creatures came from Greek mythology: Cyclops, Medusa, sea serpents, etc.

Our courthouses and other government buildings often have a columnar structure.

Our government is run by a democracy. The people vote in representatives that they believe best meet their needs and interests.

Our theaters are based of their ampitheater, in which seats are slanted so everyone can see better. We still have comedy and tragedy in our movies and plays. Though they were very limited in their knowledge about oceans, weather, the planet, and astronomy, we have built on the foundations they began, and advanced.

We have advanced the war technologies used during Ancient Greece. Catapults are now grenade and rocket launchers, for example.

We still build statues as monuments to historical figures today. We celebrate their statues of David and other cherished sculptures of their time.

We still guide much of our education through models set forth from Aristotle and Plato. Much learning is guided by questions seeking answers.

We've advanced the plow to cultivate land, and the chisel to cut stone. We still use cranes to lift things. We have advanced water mill, even developing hydroelectricity.

Our Inheritance from Ancient Greece

Fill in the table below, showing how we inherited some of our modern culture from Greece.

	Inheritance	Then	Now
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