


# Ancient Greece: Year 5 and Year 6 Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Did You Know?	Exciting Books
Archaic	Old or old-fashioned.	<p><b>The Ancient Greeks invented the Yo-Yo!</b></p> <p><b>The Ancient Greeks didn't eat beans... they thought they contained the souls of the dead!</b></p>	
Athens	One of the most powerful Greek city-states, Athens was the birthplace of democracy.		
Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say in how they are ruled, including choosing their leaders and deciding on laws.		
Ephors	The ephors were five leaders in Sparta who were chosen to oversee the Spartan kings.		
Helots	The Helots were the slaves that worked for The Spartans.		
Polis	The Greek name for a city state.	<p><u>Ideas for home activities to support learning.</u></p>	
Oligarchy	A type of government where the power is held by a few people.	Make a Greek city in a shoebox. Think about focal points for the community.	
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.	Design a mythological beast. You could explore different ways to do this - perhaps with plasticine or a computer programme.	
Sparta	A power Greek city-state and rival to Athens, Sparta's culture was based around warfare and preparing for battle.	Have a go at dressing a toy in an Ancient Greek costume.	
Tunic	A type of clothing worn by the Ancient Greeks often made from a single piece of cloth with a belt at the waist.	Research Ancient Greek foods and design a menu. You might like to make it for your family.	
		Invent a new game/sport for the Olympics. It could be a team game or an individual sport.	