

# Going for Gold

## Key Vocabulary

Acropolis	Stronghold or fortress built on the highest point in town. Defended by natural cliffs or strong stone walls. Often the site of important temples.
Archaeology	Finding out about the past by discovering and examining what has survived.
Assembly	The 'parliament' of Athens or any other Greek City, where its citizens would meet to discuss their affairs.
Ancient Greeks	People who lived in the land of Greece in the 10th to 3rd centuries BC.
Democracy	A form of government where citizens have a say on how they are ruled.
Mythical	Fictitious. Make believe.
Oligarchy	A form of government where power is held by a few people.
Olympics	An athletic event held by the Ancient Greeks every four years.
Oracle	A place where ancient Greeks could find out what lay in the future. People consulting an oracle hoped to receive a message or sign from the gods.
Tyrant	The ruler of a Greek city-state, like a King.

## Ancient Greeks

The ancient Greeks were one of the most inventive peoples in history. In their cities they invented the art of politics, creating the first states in which citizens actually ruled themselves. Much of their pottery and sculpture can be found in museums throughout the world.

## Religion and Gods

For the Greeks the gods were powerful figures who could either harm or help human beings. They were best approached by sacrifices. These were offerings of animals or wine through which people hoped to win their favour. The most important gods included Zeus the supreme god, Hera his wife, Aphrodite goddess of love, and Poseidon the god of earthquakes and the sea.

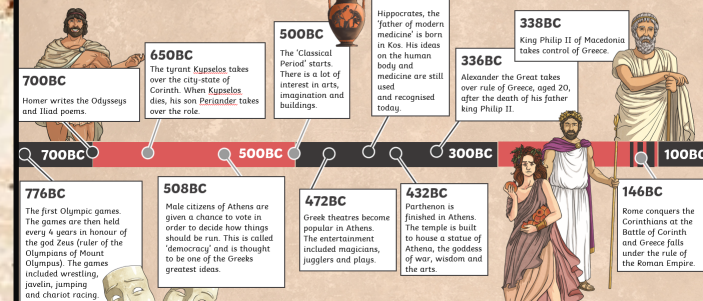
## The Olympic Games

Sports were very important to the Greek men, so important that wars were halted to let the greatest sports festival take place, the Olympic games. The games were a chance to show off their skills, or an exciting holiday just to watch. They took place every four years from 776 BC.

## The City at War

As most Greek cities were short of land and food, they would often fight with each other. Battles would take place at a set times of the year when men were not needed to work in the fields.

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## Sticky Knowledge

I know about the conflict between the Athenians and the Spartans.

I know about the influence the gods had on Ancient Greece.

I know how the Greeks have influenced the world we live in today.

I know about the Ancient Greek Olympics.

I know about how Alexander the Great had a great impact of the Greek Empire.