

The Influence of Ancient Greece on Our Lives today:

- Theatre and performance
- Storytelling– Homer’s Illiad and Odyssey.
- Olympics
- Philosophy and understanding
- Democracy– way the world is governed
- Science and medicine
- Architecture
- Mathematics

The book we are reading:

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



Look I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teachers. That's when things *really* started going wrong. Now I spend my time fighting with sords, battling monsters with my friends and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt—and making Zeus angry is a *very bad idea*.



Ancient Greece Timeline

776 BCE: First Olympic games are held

700 BCE: Homer writes the poems 'The Odyssey' and 'The Illiad'.

650 BCE: The tyrant Kypselos takes over Corinth

508 BCE: Male citizens of Athens are allowed to vote

500 BCE: The 'Classical Period' starts

472 BCE: Greek theatres become popular in Athens

460 BCE: Hippocrates 'Father of Medicine' is born in Kos

432 BCE: The Parthenon is finished in Athens

338 BCE: King Philip II takes control of Greece

336 BCE: Alexander the Great takes control of Greece

Greek Gods and Goddesses of Olympus

Zeus God of thunder and leader of the gods	Hera Goddess of marriage and the home	Poseidon God of the Sea
Hades God of the Underworld	Athena Goddess of wisdom, war and crafts	Ares God of war
Aphrodite Goddess of love and beauty	Hermes God of travellers and mischief	Hephaestus God of fire and blacksmiths
Demeter Goddess of the Harvest	Artemis Goddess of the hunt	Apollo God of the Sun

Key Vocabulary

deity	a god or goddess
stele	an upright stone slab or column which sometime shave an inscription—can be used as a gravestone.
myth	a traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people or explaining a natural or social concept
philosophy	the study of knowledge, reality, and existence
democracy	a system of government where the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, vote for people to represent their ideas
amphitheatre	an open circular building with a central space surrounded by tiers of seats for spectators, for the dramatic or sporting events.
Olympics	Sporting event held in honour of the gods of mount Olympus.
Empire	A large group of states or countries ruled over by a single person (emperor).

Geography of Greece

- Greece is made up of a mainland and many islands.
- Warm Mediterranean climate
- Economy relies heavily on tourism and farming
- Borders countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Turkey.
- Food produced includes: taramasalata, olives, moussaka, grilled meat, fresh fish and feta.
- Popular destinations: Athens, Mykonos,