## **Subject Specific Vocabulary** An ancient city and surrounding City state area with an independent government, such as Athens and Sparta in ancient Greece. To take control of another Conquer country and its people, usually after a war or battle. Dedicate To do something in honour of a person or a thing. Democracy A system where the government is elected by the people. God A worshipped immortal being or spirit who is believed to have supreme power over some part of the universe or life. Hoplite A heavily armoured, nonprofessional foot soldier of ancient Greece. Labyrinth A confusing set of complicated connecting passages and blind alleys that make it easy to get Minotaur In Greek mythology, a monster that is half man and half bull, who lived in the centre of a labyrinth. A mountain peak in Greece **Mount Olympus** where the ancient Greeks believed the Gods lived. Myth An ancient story that explains the early history of a group of people. A person who studies or writes **Philosopher** about human life. Peloponnesian War An ancient Greek war between

Athens and Sparta.









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## **Sticky Knowledge**

The ancient Greeks lived about 4,000 years ago. Ancient Greece was made up of many city-states. These city-states were protected by a powerful city. Each city-state had its own laws, customs and rulers. Many city states were at war with each other.

Ancient Greece was a warm, dry country. Most people worked as farmers, fishermen or traders.

Famous Greeks included Plato, Aristotle, Parmenides, Archimedes, Pythagoras and Alexander the Great.

War was a big part of life in Ancient Greece. The armies were made up of foot soldiers called hoplites. They fought with a long spear and used a large shield for protection.

Ancient Greek homes were usually built around a central courtyard. There were no bathrooms so people washed in public baths or streams.

10,000 Athenian soldiers fought 20,000 Persian soldiers at Marathon, 26 miles north of Athens. The Athenians won. The Athenians sent a man called Pheidippides to run the 26 miles to Athens to tell them of the victory. After he passed on the message he died of exhaustion.

Greek myths are stories about the gods and magical creatures of Ancient Greece. They taught people about the values such as bravery, intelligence, right and wrong.

A famous myth is Theseus and the Minotaur. Theseus, from Athens killed the minotaur belonging to King Minos and escaped from Crete with Princess Ariadne.

The Ancient Greeks believed the gods and goddesses watched over them from the top of Mount Olympus. Each god or goddess had power over a different part of the world.

The ancient Greeks loved sport and started holding the Olympic Games. The event was dedicated to a god called Zeus.