

# Life in Ancient Greece

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## Key Stage: 2

National Curriculum  
Subject Area/s:  
History, Science, potential for  
cross-curricular work

Length of session:  
1 hour and 30 minutes (KS2)

Max group size: 32 pupils

### Session outline

This session explores life in Ancient Greece. In this interactive session pupils will explore the galleries to find out more about key aspects of life in Ancient Greece.

Activity 1: Evidence from buildings and statues.

- Pupils will explore a model of the Acropolis to learn more about Greek buildings.
- They will look at statues to discover who the Ancient Greeks admired and why.
- They will be introduced to the concept of democracy.

Activity 2: Evidence from objects

- Pupils will handle original artefacts to discover more about the Ancient Greek World and the materials used by ancient craftsmen.
- They will search the gallery for objects highlighting aspects of Ancient Greek life. They will come face to face with heroes, gods and goddesses depicted on coins and pots.

Activity 3:

- Pupils will take part in a drama activity focussing on an aspect of life in the Ancient Greek World.

### Learning Outcomes

- Understanding more about life in Ancient Greece and how the classical world still impacts on us today.
- Understanding more about the different kinds of materials used by craftsmen.
- Knowledge and understanding of using archaeological evidence to learn about the past.
- Awareness of similarities and differences between life in Ancient and today.
- Understanding that objects can give us information about how people lived and worked.
- Improved speaking and listening skills.

**'We had an absolutely wonderful time learning about life in Ancient Greece. The children loved all the activities'**

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### Pre visit activities

- Look at a map of Ancient Greece. Locate key city states.
- Find out the date of the height of the classical period.
- Research Greek style buildings in Britain.

### Post visit activities

- Look at the Ancient Greek alphabet. Write your name in Greek.
- Design your own Greek coin.
- Discover more about Theseus and the Minotaur and other Greek myths and legends.
- Learn more about Greek statues and why they were made.
- Discover more about eating and drinking in the Ancient Greek world, and the similarities and differences with today. Create your own Ancient Greek menu.
- Make replicas of Ancient Greek objects and create your own museum display in the classroom

### Resources

The following resources are available to download on our website:

[www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources](http://www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources)

- Information sheets about Greek pots and coins.
- Information about self-guided activities.
- Images of some of the objects used in the session.



This oil jar (lekythos) is on display in Gallery 16, Greece. It shows the winged goddess of victory, Nike, playing a lyre.