

Events, People, and Ideas of Ancient Greece

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800 - 700 BCE	The blind poet Homer writes the <i>Illiad</i> and the <i>Odyssey</i> .
776 BCE	The first Olympic Games take place.
c. 700 BCE	The polis (city-state) becomes the centre of Greek life.
507 BCE	A democratic constitution sets rules for governance in Athens.
545 BCE	The Persians conquer Greek city-states in Asia Minor.
490 BCE	The Persians are defeated by Greeks in the Battle of Marathon.
400s BCE	Hippocrates practises and studies medicine.
479 BCE	The Persian Empire is defeated by Greek city-states; the Persian wars end.
460 - 429 BCE	Pericles rules in Athens.
447 BCE	The construction of the Parthenon is completed in Athens.
431 BCE	The Peloponnesian War begins between Sparta and Athens.
404 BCE	Sparta defeats Athens; the Peloponnesian War ends.
399 BCE	Socrates is sentenced to death on charges of corrupting the young with his ideas and teachings.
c. 380 BCE	Plato opens an academy of learning in Athens.
371 BCE	Thebes defeats Sparta; wars between the city-states are eroding Greek society.
367 BCE	At age 17 Aristotle becomes a student of Plato at the academy; he later teaches Alexander the Great.
331 BCE	Alexander the Great of Macedonia defeats the Persian Empire and spreads Greek culture throughout the region.
c. 300 BCE	Euclid studies and writes about mathematics and geometry.