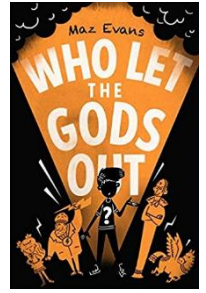




Who let the Gods out?



About 2,500 years ago, Greece was one of the most important places in the ancient world. The Greeks were great thinkers, warriors, writers, actors, athletes, artists, architects and politicians. The Greeks called themselves **Hellenes** and their land was **Hellas**. The name 'Greeks' was given to the people of Greece later by the Romans. They lived in mainland Greece and the Greek islands, but also in colonies scattered around the Mediterranean Sea. There were Greeks in Italy, Sicily, Turkey, North Africa, and as far west as France. They sailed the sea to trade and find new lands. The Greeks took their ideas with them and they started a way of life that's similar to the one we have today.

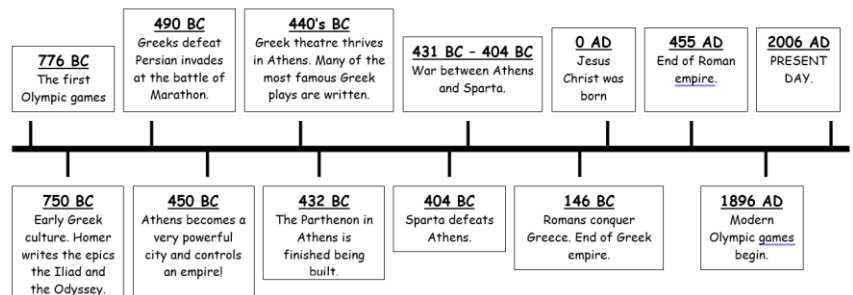
| Key Vocabulary | |
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| Myth | A traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people or explaining a natural or social phenomenon, and typically involving supernatural beings or events. |
| Ancient | Belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence. |
| Athlete | A person who takes part in competitive track and field events (athletics). |
| Colony | A group of people of one nationality or race living in a foreign place. |
| Amphitheatre | An open circular or oval building with a central space surrounded by tiers of seats for spectators, for the presentation of dramatic or sporting events. |
| Olympics | Also called Olympic Games. the greatest of the games or festivals of ancient Greece, held every four years in the plain of Olympia in Elis, in honour of Zeus. |
| Architecture | The art or practice of designing and constructing buildings. |
| Empire | An extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, or a sovereign state. |
| Emperor | A sovereign ruler of an empire. |
| Alphabet | A set of letters or symbols in a fixed order used to represent the basic set of speech sounds of a language, especially the set of letters from A to Z. |

| Greek Myths |
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| 1. Heracles and the 12 labours |
| 2. Prometheus and the theft of fire |
| 3. Narcissus and Echo |
| 4. Sisyphus |
| 5. Perseus and Medusa |
| 6. Orpheus and Eurydice |
| 7. Theseus and the Labyrinth |
| 8. Icarus |
| 9. Oedipus |
| 10. Trojan War |



The Greek Alphabet

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|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| α | β | γ | δ | ε | ζ |
| alpha | beta | gamma | delta | epsilon | zeta |
| η | θ | ι | κ | λ | μ |
| eta | theta | iota | kappa | lambda | mu |
| ν | ξ | ο | π | ρ | σ/ς |
| nu | xi | omicron | pi | rho | sigma |
| τ | υ | φ | χ | ψ | ω |
| tau | upsilon | phi | chi | psi | omega |



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