

The Ancient Greeks

Who were the Ancient Greeks?



- ★ An ancient (meaning from a very long time ago) civilisation from around 700 B.C.
- ★ They were great thinkers and inquirers – many of their ideas are still used today (over 2,700 years later!):
 - ★ Philosophy
 - ★ Architecture (buildings)
 - ★ Words
 - ★ Drama, poems and stories
 - ★ Education
 - ★ History
 - ★ Science
 - ★ Democracy



Did you know?
The Ancient Greeks called their land Hellas, and called themselves Hellenes



My name is *Socrates*, and I was a very famous Ancient Greek philosopher (meaning *thinks about ideas*).

Do you know anything already about the Ancient Greeks?

Of course, the really interesting question is: what do you want to find out? That's how I became such a great thinker – by asking questions!

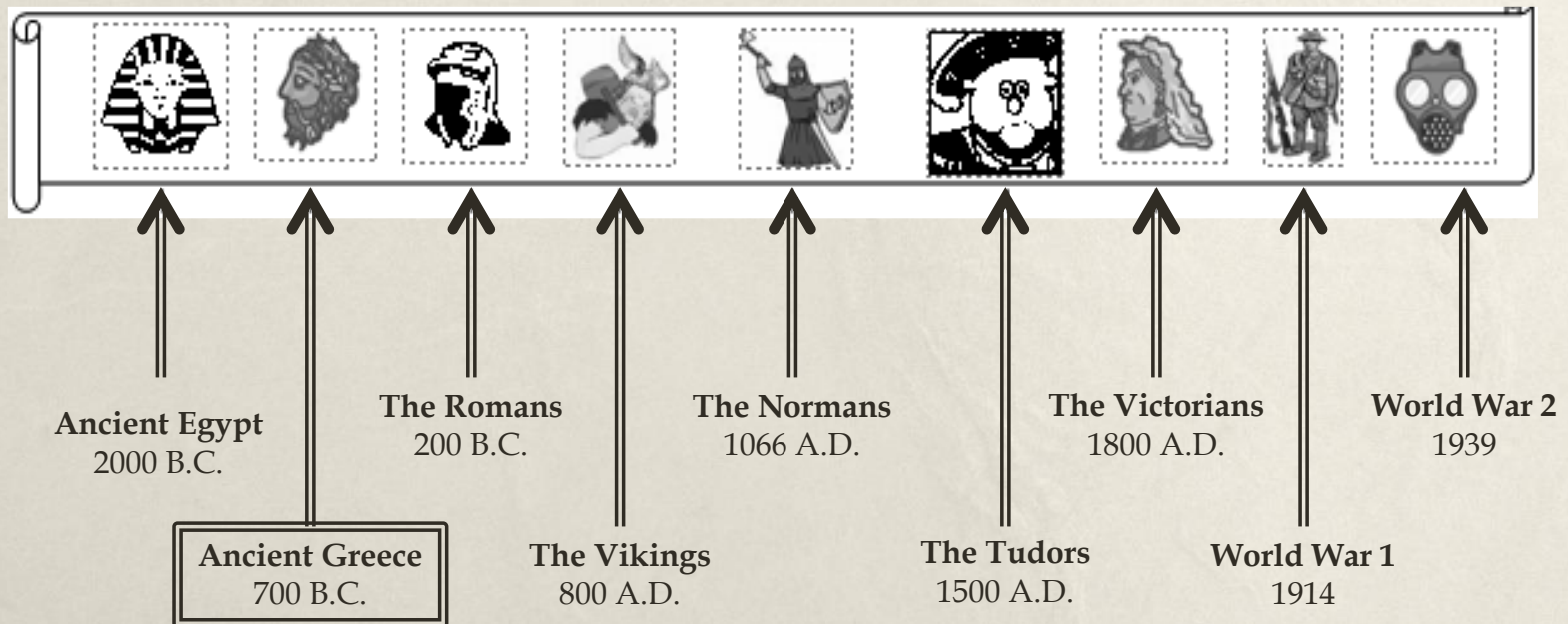


Activity:

1. Write down any facts you already know about Ancient Greece.
2. Write down any good questions you would like to know the answers to.

Ancient means how old?

★ One way we can show how long ago something existed is by using a timeline.



★ What year are we in now? Can anyone work out (or remember from the last slide!) how many years ago the Ancient Greeks lived?

Where are the Ancient Greeks from?

- ★ The ancient Greeks live in Greece, a country in southern Europe which is still around today.

Where
we are



Greece

Modern Greece is in Europe, and is situated on the Mediterranean Sea, between Italy and Turkey. The people who live there are called Greeks but things are very different in Greece today compared to ancient times.



Activity:

1. Discuss with some one in your house: how do you think things might be different between modern day Greece and ancient Greece?
2. On a map, identify the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Turkey and Greece.

A closer look...



- ★ The close-up map shows how Greece is made up of one large island, and lots of smaller islands
- ★ The dots on the map show the major cities of Athens (the capital of modern day Greece), Sparta and Troy – we'll be learning about all of these places.



It's all very well being an excellent thinker and having fantastic and important ideas – but you have to be able to share them!

Luckily, we ancient Greeks were brilliant at sharing our thoughts through stories and writing things down, which is why people know so much about the ancient Greeks today!



Activity:

Share one or two facts about ancient Greece that you didn't know at the start of the lesson with someone else, perhaps on a video call to a relative.

The story of Medusa



Ancient Greeks loved story-telling. This is a myth, which is an old story involving humans, Greek Gods and monsters!

