

Curriculum Visions teacher's sheet

History

Getting to know the ancient Greeks

Book: Ancient Greeks

Pages 4-9

Students: Fill in the answers and return for assessment

Everything here is based on our Curriculum Visions book Ancient Greeks. You can open this book online now by clicking on the book cover. It will open in a new window or tab.

In this segment, we are introduced to the Ancient Greeks.

You will need to go to pages 4-5 of the book.

Part 1

Why is 800 BC used as the start of ancient Greek times? What happened in ancient Greece before this time?

Answer ...

Greeks resumed building cities in 800BC.

Before 800BC, the power of the ancient Greeks faded away, and the people abandoned their cities - it is not known why.

Part 2

Take a look at the map of important sites from ancient Greece on page 4. Each of the cities on the map had a different way of living. What else can you tell about ancient Greek civilisation from this map?

Answer ...

Answers will vary, but may include that most of the cities were located near the coast, so water or the sea may have been important to the ancient Greeks; most of the large cities were located to the South, so this area may have had better conditions for living; the cities were relatively close together.

Now turn to pages 6-7 of the book.

Part 3

Compare the map of the empire of Alexander the Great to a modern map. What modern countries or regions were included in Alexanders empire?

Answer ...

Alexander's Empire (at its greatest extent) included all or parts of: Macedonia, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Kosovo, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Kuwait, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India.

Part 4

Why did the ancient Greeks lose their power?

Answer ...

Their power declined over time and they were finally defeated by the Roman Empire in around 146 BC.

Now turn to pages 8-9 of the book.

Part 5

Why was farming in ancient Greece very difficult? What are some of the crops and animals that could be grown in ancient Greece? How did the landscape of ancient Greece lead to both trade and war between different cities?

Answer ...

The land was mountainous and there was not much fertile land. Crops included olives, grapes and a little wheat. Animals included sheep and goats. Because growing crops and raising animals was difficult, the Greeks needed to trade for a lot of what they needed. But the lack of good land also made cities want to take over their neighbours' land.

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