

Key vocabulary

acropolis	The upper fortified area of a Greek city that is usually built on a hill.
architect	Someone who designs buildings and makes sure that they are built correctly.
citadel	A central fortified area of a city or town.
city state (polis)	A city and the area surrounding it with an independent government.
democracy	A political system, which allows people to have a say in the way their country is governed.
Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece, believed in Greek mythology to be the home of the Greek gods.
mythology	A collection of religious and cultural stories.
Parthenon	A temple on the Acropolis in Athens.
philosopher	Someone who studies basic ideas about knowledge and reasoning. e.g. <i>Pythagoras, Cleisthenes, Pericles, Socrates, Hippocrates, Plato, Alexander the Great</i>
warrior	A soldier with skill and experience in fighting.

primary source	Evidence made during the time period being studied, such as artefacts, written evidence, buildings and art.
secondary source	Evidence created after the time that have been made using information gathered from primary sources, such as information books, historians' reports, artists impressions and reconstructions.

Ancient Greek lands were made up of the Greek mainland, surrounding islands and Greek colonies across the Mediterranean Sea. Ancient Greece was almost entirely surrounded by sea, and the mountains on the mainland made travelling by land difficult.



Aerial view of the Acropolis



How does this link to my previous learning?

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 Comparing the Dark Age and Archaic period
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