### The Ancient Greek Empire

## Greece's Capital

Ancient Greece's capital is Athens. It is a beautiful city with no king or queen. Instead, the people of Athens simply had city meetings to vote for what they think is right for the city. However, women were not allowed to be involved with any political or assembly in the city. The women did have more rights than any year ahead of them. In the Battle of Marathon, the Persians tried to take over Athens so Persia could be king.

## Greek Mythology



Zeus was the Greeks main god and he was the god of thunder and lightning. Also, Zeus was the king of all gods. His wife, Demeter, had a daughter named Persephone. She then married Hades. He was the god of the underworld, the place where human souls go after death. When Persephone married Hades, it made her queen of the underworld. Persephone's biggest myth is;

One day, Persephone was in a huge floral meadow, and suddenly she saw a beautiful flower and decided to pick it. Little did she know, Hades wanted her to be his bride and queen, so when she picked the flower, up came Hades, in his golden chariot. Hades would do anything for Persephone to be his wife, so he scooped her up, and took her down to the underworld. He then married her.

#### Titans

# Cronus

Cronus was the youngest son of Uranus and Gaea, Gaea was the leader of the first generation of Titans. But also for a brief period, Gods and men. He also successfully led a rebellion against his father, but soon grew as tyrannical as him, he imprisoned the cyclops and the Hecatoncheires and swallowed all his children-except Zeus, who would soon overthrow him and lock him away in Tartarus.

### Atlas

Atlas was one of the most famous titan in Greek history. He was the leader of the rebellion against Zeus. For this act, he was punished by an eternity of holding up the sky. For a brief period, he was bereaved of this burden by Heracles and Perseus, using Medusa's head, turned him into the stony Atlas Mountains.