

The Ancient Greek Empire

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I have been searching up facts about Ancient Greece and here are the most interesting facts I have found!

Did you know

That the people of Ancient Greece ate food whilst laying down on their sides? And that Greece wasn't



recognised until 1821 but for some reason no one knows exactly when Ancient Greece was first found by explorers. Astonishingly, a third of people in Ancient Greece were slaves and in Ancient Greece there were over 100 city-states, including Athens and Sparta.

The Greeks called themselves 'Hellenes' and their land was called 'Hellas' or 'Hellenic Republic'. Surprisingly, the people of Ancient Greece were named by the Romans who called them 'The Greeks'. They went on to go round the sea trading and discovering new lands.

Inventions

The yo-yo toy was invented in Ancient Greece, in fact people believe that the yo-yo is the second oldest toy in the world, after the doll. The people of Ancient Greece were amazing at lots of different things they were:

- ❖ Thinkers
- ❖ Actors
- ❖ Painters
- ❖ Writers
- ❖ Warriors
- ❖ Athletes
- ❖ Architects
- ❖ Politicians

Amazingly, the people of Ancient Greece were responsible for creating many inventions such as:

- Arch Bridge
- Olympic Games
- Geography
- Railway
- Theatre
- Shower
- Streets
- Central Heating
- Lighthouse

Battles

Impressively, the Ancient Greeks were the biggest threat to other warriors because of their strength and equipment - they had even invented the arrow-firing catapult! Ancient Greece conquered Italy, Sicily, North Africa, Turkey and even North West France!



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Life in Greece

There were 2 different types of people in Ancient Greece, there were citizens and non-citizens. The citizens were the people who lived in the city and could vote for the government but the non-citizens were people like slaves, women and hunters.

People had been living in Ancient Greece for over 40,000 years, at first the people of Ancient Greece were just farmers and citizens but then they became warriors. If you were in Ancient Greece would you like to be a warrior?