



THE TROJAN HORSE comes from the tale told in Homer's poem *The Iliad*. After a long ten-year battle between the Greeks and the Trojans, a plan was hatched. The Greeks left in their ships, but left a large wooden horse behind, seemingly as a gift for those of Troy. The trojans opened their gates, brought the horse in, shut the gates, and went to bed. Meanwhile, the Greeks left from the belly of the horse, signaled the ships to return, and conquered the city.



GREEK ARCHITECTURE

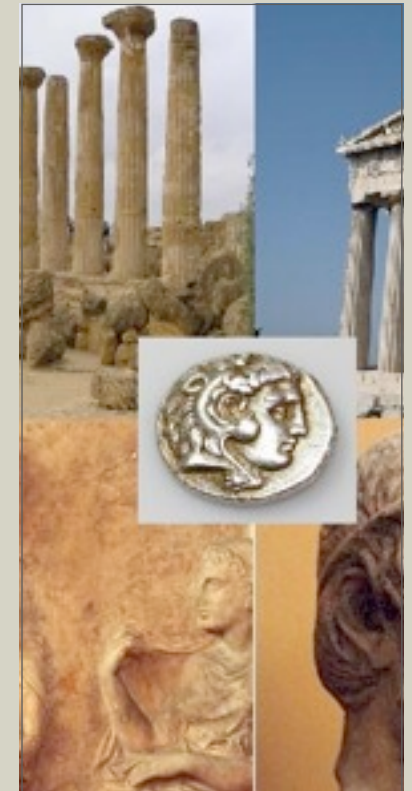
Religion and worship was really important to the ancient Greeks, so they built beautiful and large temples in honor of their gods and goddesses.

A few of the temples are: The Parthenon-The Temple of Athene, The Temple of Apollo, and The Acropolis. The Parthenon was built over 2400 years ago and is approx. 111 feet by 228 feet! **WOW!**



THE ANCIENT

GREEKS



6TH GRADE

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have just begun our study of Ancient Greece and those who lived there. During this study, we will be reading and discussing [The Iliad](#) and [The Odyssey](#). We will also be reading and discussing Greek Mythology. For fun, we hope to make a large wooden horse like the one the Greeks built and left in Troy. We also hope to make paper mache replica of Greek Pottery.



GREEK POTTERY

While we study Ancient Greece and the people who lived there, it is important for us to look at their pottery. The pottery tell us about how life was in Athens and other Greek cities.

The pots came in all shapes and sizes. Most of the time they were decorated with scenes from daily life.

The Greeks believed that the goddess Athena invented the potter's wheel. Thus, she was behind basically the Mother of Pottery.

MYTHOLOGY...GODS? GODDESSES?...



Stories? Oral Traditions? Religion? Merely a way of life?...

The earliest Greeks thrived over 4000 years ago! The Greek Empire spread all across Europe. They were at their peak and the most powerful between 2000 B.C. and 146 B.C.

It is from these ancient Greeks that we get much of our ideas on government, science, philosophy, religion, and art. For example, the concepts of 'Trial by Jury' and 'Democracy' come from the Greeks. The first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. That is 776 years BEFORE Christ!!...Again about 2700 ago! Wow! Even the word 'alpha bet' comes from the Greeks.

LEARN right alongside your child! Please **ASK** questions of your son or daughter. **ASK** them what they have learned. **ASK** them if you can help them do any research. **ASK** them to practice their spelling words (**ALL** of which come from the Greeks.)



Who were they?

After this unit of study, your son or daughter should be able to answer:

Who were the ancient Greeks? Where is Greece? What are some of the contributions to our world made by the Greeks? Name and explain one Greek Myth. List some of the key Greek gods & goddesses. Summarize The Trojan War with Achilles, Helen, and Hector. Analyze The Odyssey made by Odysseus. Explain the similarities and differences between these ancients and ourselves.

