



Key Vocabulary	
ancient	Something from a very long time ago.
city states	Small areas that ancient Greece was divided into, each with their own governments, laws and army.
civilisation	A human society with well-developed rules and government, often where technology and the arts are considered important.
empire	A group of countries or states that are ruled by one ruler or country.
democracy	A system where the citizens of a country or state are involved in the way it is run.
myth	A story from ancient times about something that happened long ago that some people believed to be true.
trade	The buying and selling of large numbers of goods.

Greek Gods	
Religion was very important in Ancient Greece. The Greeks believed everything was controlled by the Gods or Goddesses.	
Zeus	King of the Gods
Athena	Goddess of Wisdom
Poseidon	God of the Sea
Hades	God of the Underworld
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love
Ares	God of War
Hermes	Son of Zeus
Greek Myths	
The Greeks told many stories about things that the gods did- this is called mythology. Some of the most famous myths were Theseus and the Minotaur, Perseus and Medusa, Icarus and Daedalus, Pandora's box and King Midas and the golden touch.	

Key Knowledge
The Ancient Greek Empire was a very large civilisation . It was not a country. It was made up of city states .
The two most powerful Greek cities were Sparta and Athens.
The people of Athens were famous for music, art and theatre and traded with their neighbours.
The people of Sparta were fierce soldiers who took what they wanted.
The first Olympic games were held in 776 BCE and events included wrestling, boxing, long jump, javelin, discus and chariot racing.
The Ancient Greeks believed in many different Gods. The king of all the Gods was Zeus.
The Greeks invented many things that are still used in society today, for example, the alphabet, some words, democracy and Olympic games.



Gorgon



Minotaur



Pegasus

Greek Alphabet and Symbols

A α	B β	Γ γ	Δ δ	E ε	Z ζ
Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Delta	Epsilon	Zeta
H η	Θ θ	I ι	K κ	Λ λ	M μ
Eta	Theta	Iota	Kappa	Lambda	Mu
N ν	Ξ ξ	Ο ο	Π π	Ρ ρ	Σ σ, ς
Nu	Xi	Omicron	Pi	Rho	Sigma
T τ	Υ υ	Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω
Tau	Upsilon	Phi	Chi	Psi	Omega

