

Ancient Greece



Ancient Greece was made up of lots of **city-states**, like Athens and Sparta. These had their own government and identity.

Stone Age

Bronze Age

Iron Age

Today

Ancient Egypt

Ancient Greece

Democracy

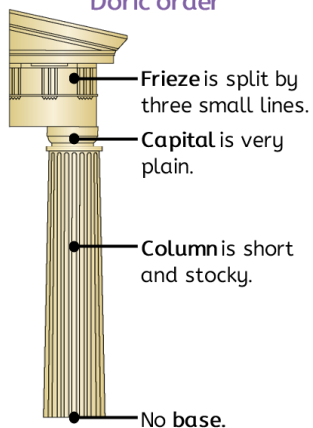
- The city-state of Athens developed **democracy**, a system of government where lots of people have a say in how the place is run.
- Women and people who were not citizens could not participate.
- Not all city-states in Greece had a democracy.

Knowledge

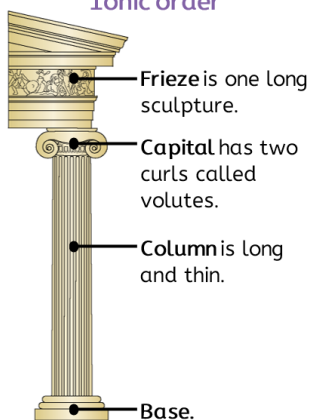
- Ancient Greeks developed lots of new ideas in science (like the scientific method), language (like an alphabet and words that we use in English today), mathematics and medicine.
- The ancient Greeks learnt from and built on other people's ideas, particularly from ancient Sumer (Asia) and Egypt (Africa).

Architecture

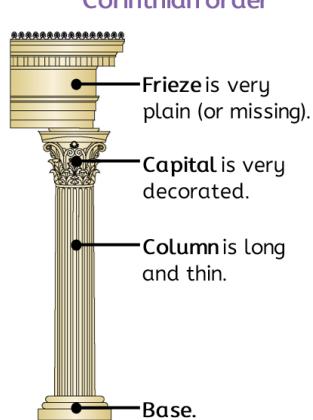
Doric order



Ionic order



Corinthian order



Gods, goddesses and myths

- Ancient Greeks believed in lots of gods who were each responsible for something. For example, **Zeus** was king of the gods, **Hera** was his wife, **Hades** was god of the underworld, **Demeter** was goddess of the harvest, **Athena** was goddess of wisdom and war, **Herakles** was a strong demi-god.
- Greeks wrote **myths** about the gods and goddesses. These have given the English language some words and given us traditions like the Olympic games.