**Location**

**Ancient Greece**



**Modern day Greece**



**Year 4 – Ancient Greece – Knowledge Organiser**

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| **Vocabulary** | **Definition** |
| Athens | a city-state that focused culture |
| Sparta | a city-state that focused on war |
| Acropolis | an ancient citadel (fortress) usually on a hill |
| city-states | small states in Ancient Greece |
| democracy | a form of government where citizens have a say how they are ruled |
| Olympics | an athletic event held every 4 years |
| oligarchy | a small group of people having control of a country. |
| law | the set of rules that people in society must follow |
| settlements | any small community of people |
| colonies | a group of people from one country who build a settlement on another land |
| seafarer | being someone who is employed to serve aboard any type of marine vessel |

**Ancient Greece**



776 BC - 146 BC

**Athens V Sparta**

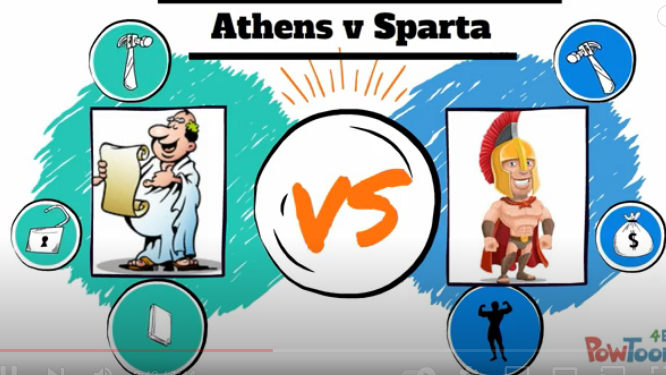
The two **city-states** that best represent each form of government were **Sparta** (**oligarchy**) and **Athens** (**democracy**). **Athens** focused more on culture, while **Sparta** focused more on war. The **oligarchy** structure in **Sparta** enabled it to keep war as a top priority.



**Olympic Pottery**

Some of the evidence about the Olympic Games comes from paintings, most commonly found on vases!

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| **Things to know**  We know that Ancient Greece had a huge impact on the Western World. This includes:   * Founding the first proper **democracy**. * The **Olympics** actually started in Ancient Greece. The different **city states** often fought but during the Olympics, peace was declared and everyone came together to enjoy the games. * Mathematical and scientific discoveries which are still important today. |



**Importance of location of Ancient Greece**

Mainland Greece is a mountainous land almost completely surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea. The ancient Greeks were a **seafaring** people. They traded with other countries around the Mediterranean. Many cities created **settlements** overseas known as **colonies.** The ancient Greeks mostly settled on the coast near the seas.