



Lowerhouse Junior School History Overview Sheet



Year 3 – How can we be influenced by the life, achievements and leadership styles of Ancient Athens and Sparta?



Rationale: Pupils should know about the achievements of the earliest civilizations. As part of this pupils should be taught about the Ancient Greeks through a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world.

Substantive Knowledge:

- Pupils should know where Greece is
- Pupils should know that the Ancient Greeks were an advanced civilisation
- Pupils should know that Spartans and Athenians often battled for supremacy
- Pupils should know that Ancient Greeks believed in many Gods
- Pupils should know that the Ancient Greeks were responsible for starting the Olympic movement
- Pupils should know that Ancient Greeks have been associated with the birth of democracy

Overview:

Lesson 1: Artefact Lesson – Ancient Greek Water Clock
Lesson 2: Introduction to Ancient Greece and its City-States
Lesson 3: Life in Athens vs. Sparta - To compare daily life in Ancient Athens and Sparta
Lesson 4: Leadership Styles in Athens and Sparta - To understand and compare the leadership styles of Athens (democracy) and Sparta (militaristic oligarchy).
Lesson 5: Achievements and Contributions to the Modern World - To explore the achievements of Ancient Athens and Sparta
Lesson 6: How Can Athens and Sparta Inspire Us Today? - To evaluate the influence of Athens and Sparta on modern leadership

Key Vocabulary

Philosophy - Is a way of thinking about the world, the universe, and society
Athenians - Residents of the ancient city-state of Greece, Athens, in around the 5th century BC
Spartans - Believed that strict discipline and a tough upbringing was the secret to making the best soldiers
Democracy - Allowing citizens to make their own decisions for their personal lives
Zeus - The supreme God of the Olympians
Olympics - The ancient Olympic Games were originally a festival, or celebration of Zeus

Key Knowledge

Know what the Ancient Greeks gave the world
Know why the Ancient Greeks were more advanced than Ancient Britons
Know what the Ancient Greeks introduced that we benefit from today
Know how the Ancient Greeks were influenced by their Gods
Know how important philosophy and democracy was in helping the Greeks to be remembered today
Know what the main characteristics of the Spartans and the Athenians were

Assessment/Key Skills

Most Children will: • With some support, children can order a number of significant events from ancient Greek times on a timeline; • With support, research and describe some key features of the everyday lives of people living in ancient Greece. • With support, children can name a similarity and a difference between life in ancient Athens and life in ancient Sparta; • With support, children can make some simple comparisons between the modern and ancient Olympic Games. • With support, children can find some basic information about ancient Greek gods and goddesses.