

# Ancient Greece

## SOCIAL STUDIES SPEAKING



**Directions:** You will hear a question or statement. Listen and then answer. Remember to answer in English.

-  1. Ancient Greece existed in 700–480 B.C. Ancient Greece is known for its art, architecture, and philosophy. This is an image of ancient ruins in Athens, Greece. It shows the Temple of Parthenon and Athenian Acropolis.



-  What is a question you have about ancient Greece?

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2. This is a map of Ancient Greece. Ancient Greek civilization was mainly located in what is today Greece. It was also located along the western coast of Turkey. Ancient Greek colonists built cities all around the Mediterranean Sea and along the coast of the Black Sea.



- What is one symbol that you see on the map? What do you think it means?

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3. The column is one of the most recognizable features of ancient Greek architecture. Ancient Greek architects invented three types of columns—Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian. The images show these three columns. Some were plain, like the Doric, and others were fancy, like the Corinthian.



**Doric**



**Ionic**



**Corinthian**

- These columns can hold up a stone roof! You can see the columns in the ancient ruins. For example, this is an image of the Parthenon, an ancient temple in Athens.



- Which column is your favorite and why?

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4. This is how the Greek Parthenon would have looked at the time of ancient Greece. The Parthenon has served many purposes.



- How do the columns give the building a sense of order, strength, or balance?

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 This is an image of the Temple of Olympian Zeus. It is the largest temple in Greece. It is dedicated to the king of Olympian gods, Zeus.



 The temples were used to worship the many Greek gods and goddesses. The temples sheltered the statues of the Greek gods and goddesses. Citizens visited the temples to present offerings and make sacrifices to keep the Greek gods and goddesses happy. The people also kept the gods and goddesses happy by having shrines in their homes to make offerings and pray. The Greeks believed the gods and goddesses controlled every part of their life. Religion was important to Greek life. Religion was also used to make decisions, such as going to war and whom to marry. The Greeks also believed they needed the gods and goddesses' help in everything they did, such as having a good harvest or healthy children.

 5. Why were the Greek gods and goddesses important to ancient Greek culture?

6. Do you think a child your age enjoyed visiting the temples in ancient Greece? Why or why not?



7. Older children would leave their toys at a temple to signify the end of their childhood. Do you approve or disapprove of this practice?