

Greece Notes

The Greek Gods

Zeus – Father of the Gods

Hera – Queen of the Gods

Ares – God of War

Aphrodite – Goddess of Love

Eros – God of Love

Artemis – Goddess of the Hunt/Moon

Apollo – God of Music/Sun

Athena – Goddess of Wisdom

Poseidon – God of the Sea

Hades – God of the Dead

Hermes – God of Messengers

Hestia – Goddess of the Home

Demeter – Goddess of Agriculture

Nike – Goddess of Victory

Atlas – World on his shoulders

Pandora – Let out the plagues

Prometheus – gave fire to man

The Trojan War

Homer – Blind poet – died 850BCE – wrote “Iliad” and “Odyssey”

Paris and the Golden Apple

Helen – face that launched 1000 ships

Paris and Helen

Agamemnon – led the Greek forces

Ajax – Greek hero

Achilles – Greek hero killed in the heel

Odysseus – Greek hero who came up with the winning plan

Trojan horse – 12 Greek soldiers hid in it

Other Greek Tales

Jason – searched for the Golden Fleece in his ship the Argo

Daedalus and Icarus – Icarus flew too high

Sword of Damocles – man condemned to sit under a naked sword suspended by a hair to prove being a king wasn't all it was cracked up to be

Famous Greeks

Pythagoras – Greek Mathematician
Strabo – Greek geographer
Aristophanes – Greek playwright
Euripides - Greek playwright
Aeschylus - Greek playwright
Sophocles - Greek playwright
Pericles – Father of Athenian democracy
Herodotus – Father of History
Archimedes – Greek Inventor
Hippocrates – Father of Medicine
Hippocratic Oath

Philosophers

Socrates – ask probing questions to get to the truth
Plato – wrote “The Republic”
Aristotle – founder of the school in Athens

Places

Temple of Zeus at Olympia – Olympic Games started here in 776 BCE
Mt. Olympus – Home of the Gods
Discobolus man
Oracle at Delphi – Oracles predict the future
Athens – Birthplace of democracy
Parthenon – Temple to Athena
Acropolis – high city
Doric column – plain capital
Ionic column – rolled scroll capital
Corinthian column – grapes leaves capital
Sparta
Shrine to Menelaus above Sparta
Thucydides – Spartan general who wrote a commentary on the Peloponessian War
Trireme – 3 banks of oars
Alexander the Great – conquered the world