

ANCIENT GREECE

Historical Timeline Reference

c. 3000 - 1100 BCE

Bronze Age

The rise of the Minoan civilization on Crete and the Mycenaean civilization on mainland Greece. Early palace complexes and Linear B writing.

c. 1100 - 800 BCE

The Dark Ages

A period of population decline and loss of literacy following the collapse of Mycenaean palaces. Geometric pottery styles emerge.

c. 800 - 480 BCE

Archaic Period

Rise of the City-States (Polis), the first Olympic Games (776 BCE), and the development of the Greek alphabet and Homeric epics.

480 - 323 BCE

Classical Period

The Golden Age of Athens. Construction of the Parthenon, the height of Greek philosophy (Socrates, Plato), and the Persian Wars.

323 - 31 BCE

Hellenistic Period

Following the death of Alexander the Great. Greek culture spreads across the Mediterranean and Near East until the Roman conquest.