

# Primary History: Ancient Greeks

## Extension Activity - Athens

There were other ways of ruling Greek cities. Look at the section on Sparta, and compare the government of the Spartans with the government in Athens. **Was the system in Athens more democratic than ours today, or less?**

We still have surviving records of ancient court cases.

**Read/listen to what Apollodorus has to say.** Why is he angry? Why does he say that Polycles didn't want to become captain?

**You could try making a water clock, copying the Greek one.**

What other means of measuring time might people have used then? (Clues: candles, sundials) Do you think it was important for people to know what time it was?

**Find out more about three famous Greek philosophers:**

Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Start with their dates. They all lived for a time in Athens. Did they meet?

**Plato wrote about a place called Atlantis. What happened there?**

**Imagine you have been asked to design a plate showing festivals for athletics, drama or a religious occasion.** Draw or paint your plate. Remember the main colours of Greek pottery.