

Greek Culture

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Summary

This book is about the history and culture of ancient Greece.

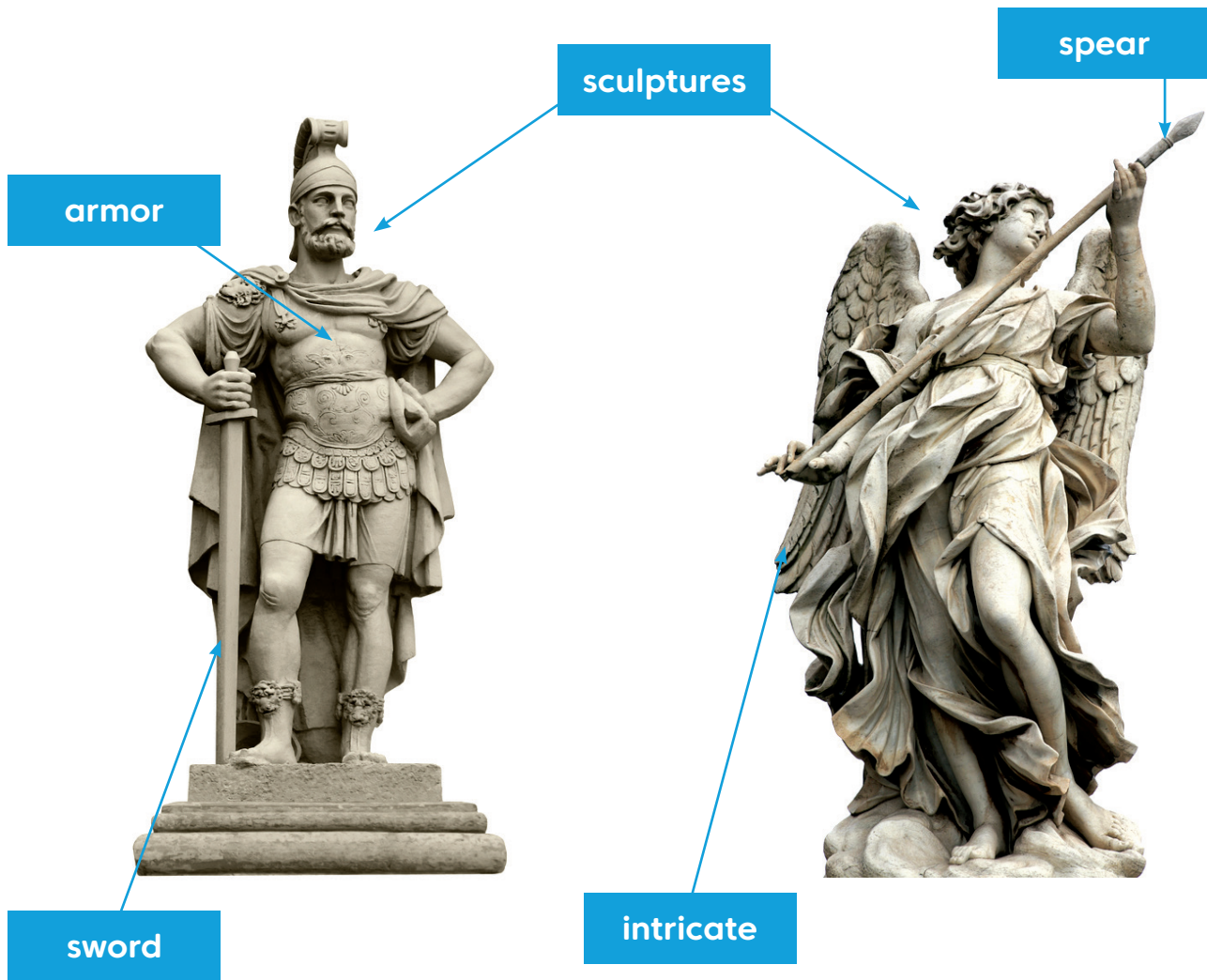
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Before Reading

Think Ahead

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



1. What do soldiers wear to protect themselves?
2. How do complicated or very detailed things look?
3. What is a 3D carving in wood or stone called?
4. What is a weapon with a long, sharp metal blade and a handle called?

Vocabulary

A Read and match.

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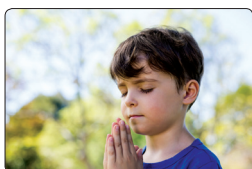
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• a. pottery

• b. tragedy

• c. worship

• d. terrifying

• e. amphitheater

• f. reign

• g. maze

• h. odometer

B Write the word for each definition.

magnificent

legacy

era

peculiar

hometown

1. _____ something that remains from an earlier time
2. _____ a long and distinct period of history with a particular characteristic
3. _____ the place where one was born or grew up
4. _____ very beautiful or impressive
5. _____ unusual and strange

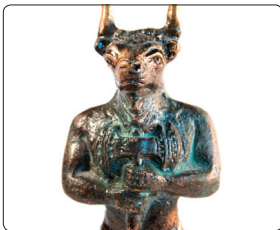
C Choose the word that means about the same as the underlined words.

1. Ancient Greek stories and ideas are part of our things that were handed down from the past.
 a. pottery b. heritage c. tragedy d. pursuit
2. Greek art often represented in pictures gods and heroes.
 a. depicted b. convinced c. reigned d. worshipped
3. The ancient Greeks were using new ideas and developed many new things.
 a. intricate b. magnificent c. peculiar d. innovative
4. The Greeks did not think that a(n) form of government that has a king or queen at its head was a good system of government.
 a. monarchy b. legacy c. armor d. sculpture

Comprehension

A Match the pictures with the correct sentences.

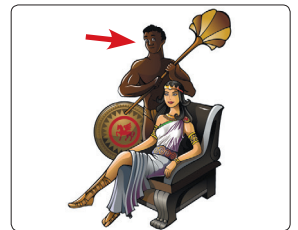
- a. The enemies of the ancient Greeks became slaves.
- b. Ancient Greeks voted on issues by a show of hands.
- c. The Greeks believed in monsters like the minotaur, which was half-man and half-bull.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____

B Choose the best answer.

1. What made the phalanx so effective?
 - a. Slaves were part of the military.
 - b. Greek swords were very sharp.
 - c. Enemies could not easily come close.
 - d. The soldiers' spears pointed in all directions.
2. What were Greek stories usually about?
 - a. Heroes and gods
 - b. Science and philosophy
 - c. Military tactics
 - d. Homer's ideas
3. Which of the following did the Greeks NOT invent?
 - a. A new system of government
 - b. Philosophy
 - c. A way to measure distance
 - d. The alarm clock

C Choose the correct phrase for each picture. One (1) choice will not be used.

- a. Pottery featuring gods and heroes
- b. Greek mathematics that we still use today
- c. The Cyclops, a giant monster with only one eye
- d. An example of Greek influence in modern times
- e. Columns that use the Greek style of art



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

D Read each sentence. Write “T” if it is true or “F” if it is false.

1. _____ The famous philosopher Socrates was forced to drink poison.
2. _____ All adult citizens in ancient Greece could vote.
3. _____ The Greeks enjoyed watching comic plays the most.
4. _____ Perseus was one of the Greek heroes.
5. _____ The Greeks thought both science and art were important.

E Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. The Greeks were _____ in science and art.
pioneers sculptures
2. Greek plays were often performed in outdoor _____.
amphitheaters odometers
3. Medusa was a(n) _____ monster.
intricate terrifying
4. The _____ of ancient Greece was more than 2,000 years ago.
legacy era
5. Because they had slaves for household work, ancient Greeks had time for other _____.
reigns pursuits

F Number the events in order from 1=first to 5=last.

- a. _____ The minotaur was fought and killed.
- b. _____ Young men and women were fed to the minotaur.
- c. _____ The queen of Crete gave birth to a monster.
- d. _____ Theseus found his way out of the maze using a ball of string.
- e. _____ The king hid the minotaur in a maze.

After Reading

Think About It

A Look in the reader to write the answers to the following 5-W questions.

Who?	What?	When?	Where?	Why?
_____ was one of the most intelligent Greek philosophers.	Greek city-states were centers of _____, art, and culture.	The ancient Greeks lived from 800 to _____ BC.	The Greek city-states were in _____.	Greek ideas are important because they are still part of the science, philosophy, and _____ systems we use today.

B Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.

From this book, I learned _____

_____.

Before I read this book, I knew _____

_____.

Now I also know _____

_____.