

c. 1600 BC

The Mycenaean civilisation begins. For the first time, Greece is split into city-states, towns and cities are created, goods are traded with other countries and building techniques, art, writing and warfare develop.

600 BC

Greek coins are introduced.

461 BC

The first Peloponnesian War begins between the city-states of Athens and Sparta.

356 BC

The Greek king, Alexander the Great, is born.

850–700 BC

The Greek alphabet is developed.

510 BC

The great mathematician Pythagoras starts his own school.

449–431 BC

The 'Golden Age'. Pericles, the ruler of Athens, builds the Parthenon, provides cheap theatre tickets for the poor and supports the work of great playwrights, sculptors and thinkers.

336 BC

Alexander the Great invades and conquers Persia and Egypt.

776 BC

The first Olympic Games take place. They are held in honour of the god Zeus.

508 BC

The system of democracy, where citizens can vote for people to be their representatives in a government, is introduced in Athens.

431 BC

The second Peloponnesian War begins between the city-states of Athens and Sparta.

323 BC

Ancient Greek civilisation begins to decline after the death of Alexander the Great.

750–700 BC

The great poet Homer writes two epic poems about the Trojan War called the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*.

492 BC

The Greeks begin a war with Persia.

428 BC

Plato is born. He is a great mathematician.

287 BC

Archimedes is born. He is the inventor of the Archimedes screw.

621 BC

A lawgiver named Draco brings in strict laws for the people of Athens to follow. These laws make most crimes punishable by death and are known as Draconian laws.

490 BC

The Greeks win the Battle of Marathon, one of the most famous battles of the Persian War.

384 BC

Aristotle is born. He is a great poet, scientist and teacher.

146 BC

The Romans conquer ancient Greece. Greece becomes part of the Roman Empire.

c. 1200 BC

The Trojan War is fought between the ancient Greek city-states and the city of Troy.

525 BC

Red-figure pottery is invented in Athens.

460 BC

Pericles becomes ruler of Athens. He is a great leader, speaker and supporter of the arts.

387 BC

Plato starts his own school, the Academy, in Athens.

