

3000 BC
Early Minoan
Civilisation

800 BC
First City States

776 BC
First Olympic
Games

500 BC
Democracy
begins

468 BC
Theatre begins

386 BC
First Univerity

146 BC
Romans
conquer Greece



GIRLS

Girls were taught at home by their mothers in **Athens**. They were taught how to cook and to look after the home. They rarely left the **Gynaikon** until they reached marrying age (12 or 13). Their father would arrange marriages to men, often in their 30s. When a girl married, she would offer her dolls to the **Goddess Artemis** to show her childhood was over.

In **Sparta**, girls had more freedom and were encouraged to take part in athletics, music, singing and dancing.

BOYS

Boys were favoured over girls. In **Athens** they lived in the **Gynaikon** until the age of 6 and were trained by their fathers to master different crafts such as fishing or metalwork. At 7, they went to school where they learned music, reading, writing and arithmetic using an **abacus**. They also prepared to be soldiers by running, throwing javelins and wrestling in the **gymnasium**.

In **Sparta** boys left home at 7 to be trained for the military. They were not allowed to leave the army until they were 30 years old.

Ancient Greece was made up of lots of **City States** (Polis). The most powerful City States were **Athens** and **Sparta**.

The life of children in
ANCIENT GREECE



KEY VOCABULARY

Acropolis	Assembly
Democracy	Helles
Gymnasium	Gynkainon (women's quarters)
Polis (City State)	Oikos (household)
Stylus	

INFLUENCE ON TODAY

The Ancient Greeks introduced and developed many things that we can recognise today, including:

- The Alphabet
- The Olympic Games
- Democracy
- Poetry
- Philosophy
- Theatre
- Universities (Academia)



TOYS

Archaeologists have found lots of artefacts from Ancient Greece, including toys. Children were usually given toys as gifts on important religious feast days. Toys included:

- Knucklebones made from sheep and goat bones (these were popular and cheap)
- Yo-yos (made from terracotta - a type of clay)
- Marbles (using polished stones, acorns or conkers)
- Dolls made from rags, wax or clay



Richer children had better toys.