

Module 8 - Ancient Greece

Essential Question

(1 paragraph with intro, conclusion, and supporting sentences)

Prompt

Historical Context

In this module, you've learned about ancient Greece. Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of the module content by writing an essay.

Task

Write a persuasive essay that answers this question:

Why might historians consider ancient Greece the first Western civilization?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and ideas relevant to ancient Greece.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

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Discussion Questions

(5 paragraph Essay)

Prompt

Historical Context

Ancient Greece was home to a series of advanced civilizations. The Minoans and the Mycenaeans were followed by a group of independent city-states. Athens, one of the most powerful city-states, developed the world's first democracy.

Task

Although ancient Greece was politically divided for most of its history, the Greeks shared a remarkable culture. Which ideas and values were most important for the success of Athens and other Greek city-states? Discuss this question with a group of classmates.

Read the historical sources in advance. Then complete the following steps as you participate in your discussion.

1. Decide on roles for the discussion, including a moderator, note-taker, and presenter. The moderator will keep the conversation moving forward. The note-taker will write down central ideas. The presenter will summarize the discussion to the rest of the class.
2. As you discuss the topic, cite specific evidence from the sources to support your ideas and observations.
3. Maintain a respectful tone toward your fellow group members, even when you disagree with their ideas.
4. Listen closely to what all speakers say so that you can respond appropriately and ask relevant questions.
5. Acknowledge new information that is presented by others. Qualify or justify your own views in light of new evidence presented.
6. Presenters should share claims and findings in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence and sound reasoning. They should use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation in speaking to the class.