

# Cumulative Questions for Ancient Greece

## What were the greatest achievements of Ancient Greece?



Question	Answer
1. Why are timelines useful to historians?	Timelines show the chronology of events.
2. What does BCE mean?	Before Common Era.
3. What does the word excavate mean?	Uncover historical artefacts.
4. Why were the Minoans considered an 'advanced civilisation'?	They designed and built more than previous groups.
5. Where did the Minoans live?	The island of Crete.
6. How do we know about the Minoans?	There have been excavations by teams of archaeologists where lots of evidence has been found.
7. Trade was very important to the Minoans. What does 'export' mean?	To send to another country to sell.
8. What happened to the Minoan civilisation?	No one knows. It is even a mystery to historians. There are some theories about why they disappeared, but no one really knows.
9. Give one of the theories that may explain why the Minoan civilisation disappeared.	A natural disaster occurred. A volcanic eruption caused a giant tidal wave that brought chaos and destruction to the island. A nearby civilisation invaded and took over the island. After the eruption, the Minoans may have been so weak that they could not fight off invaders.
10. What was life like in Athens?	Only boys could attend school. Women had less status. Wealthy families enslaved people. Girls were taught household chores.
11. What was an 'agoge'?	School program for Spartans.
12. What is an oligarchy?	A small group of people who rule.
13. The word 'Persian' means...	People who lived in Persia (now called Iran).
14. Athens and Sparta joined together to fight the Persian army. What was this battle called?	The Battle of Marathon.
15. What word means moving back or away from a place or situation?	Retreating.
16. The Peloponnesian War was between the Delian and Peloponnesian leagues. True or false?	False.
17. What is the definition of an alliance?	A relationship in which two countries work together.
18. What was the name of the king of Macedon?	King Philip II.
19. True or false? King Philip II spent many years learning military tactics in Thebes.	True.
20. Discuss with your partner what the word 'unify' means.	Unify means bringing together.
21. Who succeeded King Philip II?	King Alexander.
22. What is a tyrant?	A ruler who governs with cruelty.
23. In what year did the Persian Empire end?	330 BCE.
24. True or false? King Alexander reigned for many decades.	False. He died at the young age of 32.

