Ancient Greece Year 5

Selected Ancient Greek Gods		
1	Zeus	*Kind of the Gods, God of the Sky, Lightning and Thunder.*
2	Hades	*God the Dead and King of the Underworld*
3	Poseidon	*God of the Sea, Earthquakes & Storms.*
4	Hera	*Queen of the Gods; Goddess of Marriage.*
5	Apollo	*God of Music, Art, Knowledge & the Sun.*
6	Aphrodite	*Goddess of Love and Beauty.*
7	Hermes	*Messenger of the Gods, God of Trade & Travelers.*
8	Ares	*God of War.*
9	Athena	*Goddess of Wisdom, Courage and Strategy.*
10	Demeter	*Goddess of Agriculture and the Harvest.*

Key People		
1	Sophocles	*Influential playwright known for writing over 120 plays, mainly tragedies. Most famous plays include: Oedipus & Antigone.*
2	Aesop	*Former slave and storyteller famous for writing Aesop's Fables.*
3	Homer	*Legendary author famous for writing the Iliad & Odyssey.*
4	Pythagoras	*Philosopher & mathematician most known for his right angle proof.*
5	Archimedes	*Scientist & mathematician; famous for reportedly yelling 'Eureka!' after realizing the link between volume, density & displacement.*
6	Socrates	*Credited as the Father of Western philosophy. Known for dialogues over writing.*
7	Plato	*Philosopher and student of Socrates; best known for writing 'Republic'.*
8	Aristotle	*Philosopher and student of Plato; pulled together existing philosophies resulting in his ideas influencing Western civilization for centuries to come.*
9	Alexander the Great	*King of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia; united and secured the whole of Greece and fought against the Persian Empire to the East. Died aged 32.*

Approximate dates for the main Ancient Greek periods and key events: ***(Ancient Greek civilizations can be traced back to the Minoan civilization around 2700 BCE)***
Timeline not to scale.

First coins introduced 600 BCE

Battle of Marathon (Athens vs Persia) 490 BCE

Peloponnesian Wars between two sides led by Athens and Sparta 431-404 BCE

Founding of the library at Alexandria 323 BCE

Roman rule of Greece begins with the sacking of Corinth 146 BCE

First Olympic Games 776 BCE

Athens introduces democracy 505 BCE

Sophocles writes his first tragedy 468 BCE

Plato founds the Academy 386 BCE

Alexander the Great dies not long after defeating Persians 323 BCE

Archaic Period (800 – 480 BCE)	Classical Period (480 – 323 BCE)	Hellenistic Period (323 – 146 BCE)

	Term	Definition
1	Acropolis	Fortified city core located on a rocky outcrop above Athens.
2	Polytheistic	Religious system where people believe in or worship more than one god.
3	Democracy	A system of government where eligible people elect representatives.
4	Oligarchy	A system of government where a small group of people control everything.
5	Mount Olympus	The highest mountain in Greece and the mythological home of the Greek Gods, primarily twelve Olympian Gods.
6	Parthenon	Temple dedicated to Athena located on the Athenian Acropolis.
7	Titans	An older generation of Gods including Cronus & Rhea who were the children of earlier Gods and parents to the Olympian Gods (who later overthrew them).
8	City State	A city that had its own government and rules the area around it e.g. Athens, Sparta, Corinth, Delphi & Thebes (Greek = Polis)
9	Olympics	Sporting event and sacrifice held every four years in honour of Zeus.