The Legacies of Ancient Greece
What is a legacy?

Traditions, skills and knowledge of a culture that get passed on to people in the future

Something a culture is known for

A gift from the past

Babe Ruth’s legacy was homerun hitting.
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Democracy

A government where the people have the right to make decisions about leaders and laws

Greek word meaning “power of the people”

Athens developed the first democracy

The U.S. government is based on Athenian democracy.
Democracy in Athens

- Athens had the first democratic constitution (a set of rules for how the government should run)
- All men over 20 years old could participate in the Assembly (the lawmaking group)
- Each year 500 names of citizens were drawn to be on the Council of Five Hundred who ran the daily business of Athens
When a group of citizens decides if a person is innocent or guilty of a crime

Serving on a jury was a citizen’s duty

About 500 jurors for a trial

Jurors were paid for service
Epics

Long poems written about gods, heroes, and history of a culture

Homer most famous author of Greek epics.

Wrote the *Iliad* about the Trojan War

The *Odyssey* about a Trojan War hero, Odysseus
Greek Mythology

Myths are stories about gods & goddesses that were used to explain events in nature.

12 Major Gods & Goddesses of Mt. Olympus

Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hermes, Hera, Apollo, Artemís, Hephaestus, Athena, Demeter, Aphrodite, Ares

Go to Mythman.com for more on Greek mythology!
Theater

Grew out of festivals dedicated to Dionysus and developed into stories that were acted out.

Plays were performed at festivals and became competitions.

Only male actors but women could watch.

Actors wore masks to show gender, age & mood.

Theater was carved into a hillside.
Greek theater in Miletus
Tragedy & Comedy

Types of plays first developed by the Greeks

Tragedy: plays about suffering

Aeschylus

Comedy: plays with a happy ending that pokes fun at certain types of people

Aristophanes
Olympic Games

Festival held in Olympia to honor Zeus

- Every four years—began 776 B.C.
- Only men: women couldn’t watch
- Olympians swore not to cheat
- Called a truce from war
- Won an olive wreath
- Winners were heroes
Marathon

Footrace that is 26 miles, 385 yards long

Greeks defeated the Persians at Marathon

Pheidippides ran to Athens (about 26 miles) to announce the victory

He reached Athens, cried out *Nike!* (goddess of victory), and fell over dead.
The art and science of building

Doric

Ionic

Corinthian

Greeks well known for using three styles of columns in their buildings
The Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens was built in the Doric style.

The Temple of Athena Nike located very close to the Parthenon was built in the Ionic style.
The design of many buildings today has been influenced by the classical style of the Greeks.

Why would many U.S. government buildings have been built using Greek architecture?

Supreme Court Building in Wash. D.C.
Philosophy

Love of wisdom; trying to figure things out through learning and reasoning

Socrates → Socratic Method

Plato → Political Science

Aristotle → Science & Logic
Socratic Method

Teaching through step-by-step questions that are designed to lead the student to the truth.

Socrates was a Greek philosopher who wanted people to question and think for themselves.

Athenians were afraid and threatened by his ideas, so he was tried and put to death.
Classification of Living Things

A system of grouping plants and animals that have similar characteristics

Developed by Aristotle

Helps scientists to handle a lot of info.

Still used today
Scientific Method

Process used by scientists to study something

1. Collect Info
2. Form Hypothesis
3. Test Hypothesis
Hippocratic Oath

A list of rules about practicing medicine that doctors today still promise to follow

Hippocrates was the “Father of Scientific Medicine”

1. Honor their teachers
2. Do their best for the sick
3. Never give poisons
4. Keep the secrets of patients

Believed that disease came from natural causes not evil spirits

Conclusion
Now that you are aware of them, you will see the legacies of the ancient Greeks cropping up all over the place!
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